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Who's Who and What's What

In their short history Iowa Baptists have lost four denominational schools. Baptists of Nebraska have lost one.

It is said that the Catholic Church is strongly supporting a bill in the Connecticut legislature which would legalize certain forms of gambling.

Dr. Lawrence T. Lowry will be one of the speakers during Religious Emphasis Week at the University of Mississippi, under the direction of the Y. M. C. A.

We are sorry to hear that last week Dr. F. S. Groner was quite sick at the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. He is president of the Hospital Commission.

Dr. Norman W. Cox, once pastor of First Church, Meridian, now of Fifth Avenue Church, Huntington, W. Va., will preach the commencement sermon for the University of West Virginia in June.

Mr. Robt. L. Cooper of Aberdeen, who has been leading the singing in the meeting in First Church, Meridian, says that large crowds have attended upon the preaching by Gipsy Smith, Jr. and there has been a real spiritual uplift. The meeting closed Sunday night.

Irrespective of the merits of the case the believers in justice and a square deal have much to encourage them in the fact that Former Ambassador to Germany, Dr. Wm. E. Dodd, was fined in a Virginia court recently for injury done to a Negro child by a car which he was driving.

Central Mississippi Preachers' Conference at First Church, Jackson, Monday, March 13 at 9:30 a. m. Devotional by R. D. Jordan, round table on Evangelistic Campaign led by T. W. Green, Perennial Evangelism by W. A. Bell, message by D. A. McCall, Bible Study led by P. I. Lipsey.

Dr. S. C. Mitchell, a native of Mississippi, and one time professor in Mississippi College, after an interim of some years, returns to the University of Richmond next September as head of the Department of History. The university is said to have over 1,800 students in all departments. Religious Emphasis Week will be observed March 13-18 with Dr. Henry Alford Porter as preacher.

The Western Recorder says that Governor Chandler of Kentucky sent out a proclamation asking people of the state to pray for the soul of the Pope recently deceased. Now look here, Governor, you are a little too late with your praying. If you want to do any good begin praying for some sinner before he gets where prayer is not needed or will do him no good. This thing of governors and ambassadors and presidents hob-nobbing with ecclesiastics is just a little outside the duties of their office. And some of us are pretty sick of it.

Miss Roberta Pearl Johnson who returned to Shanghai more than six months ago says that of the eleven hundred members of The Old North Gate church, not one has been killed during the troublous times in China, thus fulfilling the word, "A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand on thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee." Regular services have gone on at the church. Many members have lost all their possessions. But in spite of all the work goes on with undiminished zeal and blessing.

Rev. J. B. Ray of Cascilla was prevented from attending the Conference at Clinton by the sickness of his little boy who is now recovering from pneumonia.

Just one of the Jones boys! When E. Stanley Jones had made a fine speech in laying a corner stone, a layman asked, "Who is this fellow, anyway?"

One of our exchanges speaking of a prominent church, says, visitors always receive a warm welcome. The pastor and wife left Feb. 1st for a vacation visit to Mexico.

Pastor C. M. Day of Shaw baptized five last Sunday and has two others waiting baptism. The revival meeting begins the first Sunday in April with brother J. H. Kyzar preaching. At Fairview brother Bursen of Shelby will help him in a meeting beginning the third Sunday in April.

We tried recently in the Record to give direction to those who wish to have accommodations at the World Alliance in Atlanta, but the type got mixed up. We'll try it again. Write to Col. B. L. Bugg, Municipal Auditorium, and tell him whether you wish a room in a hotel, boarding house or private home.

A preacher in Pennsylvania sent out a questionnaire to find out what 250 people wished him to preach about. He seems to have submitted a list of subjects. The one most desired was, "How shall I find God?" Others were, "If God is God, why do I suffer?" and, "What happens when I pray?" and, "Will Jesus come again?" and "How to be saved today."

Our readers probably know that Rev. R. L. Breland who writes regularly for the Record has been in poor health for something like a year. But you have heard no complaint from him. He is not that kind. He has shown as fine a spirit of submission and of courage as you will see anywhere. No man who ever lived in Neshoba county has done better service to the cause of Christ than has he. Of late years his work has been partly in Yalobusha and Calhoun counties, and the people up there have found his worth as they did in Neshoba. News came to us a few days ago that the doctor has advised him to rest in a hospital in Southwest Texas, and that he will go there for possibly six months. Our hearts are with him, and our prayers follow him and his loved ones who have attended him so affectionately. Some of his work will be carried on by brother Saucier who has been a chaplain in the C. C. C. May the Lord bring back brother Breland with renewed strength of body and soul.

In the days of our youth when Fourth of July speeches and picnics were the vogue of the day, a familiar slogan was, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." But we came later to think of liberty as a matter of course, that everybody believed in it. But the wheel has turned over again, and we are today coming to realize that if we are to have liberty, especially religious liberty, we must be willing to contend for it. If you haven't discovered this you will shortly. In Rumania the Baptist churches were closed until protests came from Baptists all over the world. In Ethiopia Protestant mission work is forbidden. In Egypt a decree has gone forth forbidding the teaching of Christian truth to children. In America the government threatens to invade the churches and tell them what they must pay their pastors and other employees. There will be no liberty unless we are willing to fight for it.

Mohandas K. Gandhi is fasting again in protest against the way one of the Indian rulers is treating his people.

Pastor H. H. Hargrove has with him this week at Columbus Avenue Church, Waco, Dr. Marshall Craig of Dallas as preacher.

Daniels Baptist Church broke all records last Sunday with the largest Sunday school and B. T. U. in the history of the church. There were two additions and seven for January. Rev. J. S. Deaton is pastor.

Your Secretary will be with Pastor James Thorn and the saints of Smith County at Raleigh next Wednesday evening, March 15. The next day he is to speak twice at Gillsburg, being with Pastor S. J. Rhodes and the brethren. In the evening we will be with Pastor Thompson and the brethren at Liberty. This is in an all-day meeting of the Mississippi Association.—D. A. McCall.

Dr. B. C. Land goes from Winnfield to Pineville, La. to begin his work with Louisiana College, assisting in raising \$100,000 for the college. He is one of our Mississippians and wishes to be remembered in your prayers. He has been six years pastor at Winnfield, in which time 642 have been added to the church, a net increase of 180, making the present membership 1075. Approximately \$60,000 has been given to all causes, twenty per cent of it to outside causes and \$10,000 on building and equipment. Seventeen rooms have been added, a Hammond organ installed, and a new baptistry. All the organizations are doing good work.

From Miss Fay Barron we hear that Tangipahoa Church dedicated the new Sunday school annex February 26., the services being conducted by the Young People's Department. Forty-three of them took part in the service. The young people's room is named in honor of the pastor, Rev. A. W. Talbert, as they wish it to be a continuing memorial to him. His picture was presented to the class by Miss Barron. Pastor Talbert is largely responsible for the building of the annex. "Uncle Jap Reeves", for 39 years superintendent of the Sunday school, also assisted in the services. The lesson for the day was taught by Prof. J. A. Robertson, principal of Enterprise school. The Young People's class has an enrollment of 22 with a 75% average attendance and is growing under the capable leadership of Mrs. Frank Whittington.

It is probably too early to predict results, but it is certainly interesting to notice the reports of suits being brought by the State Tax Collector against people in Mississippi who hold federal license to sell liquor. There are 1700 of them and the suit is brought to collect license of \$500 for the state, \$500 for the county and \$500 for the municipality where the sale is in an incorporated town. These suits are being brought from one end of the state to the other. The theory is that although the state does not license liquor sales, it may collect tax for the same. This is the theory on which the federal government taxes the sale of liquor in a dry state. Officials to whom we protested months ago against this business of the federal government replied that they do not "license" liquor sales in Mississippi; they simply "tax" it. All right, if the federal government may tax a thing it doesn't license, of course the state can also. The State Tax Collector seems to have taken a page out of the federal government's dealings with Al Capone.

Sparks and Splinters

Louisiana College and Pineville Church unite to observe "Youth Week" and "Religious Emphasis Week" March 5-12.

The Baptist Hospital in Alexandria, La., has been given an "iron lung" by Messrs. Sam Bonart and M. J. Weiss of that city.

National Broadcasting Co. will hereafter not accept liquor advertising. A lot of folks are getting decent.

Pastor Farr of Carrollton begins a meeting the first Sunday in April. He will have as his help Secretary D. A. McCall and Evangelist M. E. Perry.

A campaign is on in Shreveport, La., to raise \$100,000 for Dodd College. It began with an address by President Pat M. Neff of Baylor University at First Church, Shreveport, March 5.

The Baptists of India, Burmah and Ceylon have decided to ask that the Baptist World Alliance meet either at Serampore or Rangoon in 1944, five years after the meeting in Atlanta.

One of our preachers voiced the feeling of many when he said at Clinton last week that the Lord had been nearer to him in those few days than at any time in his fifteen years of ministry.

One thing we were made to feel as we listened to the messages at Clinton last week. The people do not need so much new sermons from our preachers, but new life in them.

There were probably 250 preachers who attended the Evangelistic Conference in Clinton last week. They staid better and attended every service more closely than any meeting within our memory.

Some of us were rebuked by the reports that came from several sources of people who trusted the Lord for salvation, and then said, "This is the first time anybody ever spoke to me about my soul."

Rev. M. J. McCool, one of our Mississippians is being honored in the celebration of the 11th anniversary of his pastorate at First Church, Crowley, La. It is also the fiftieth anniversary of the church.

It is said that 500 Jewish refugees from Germany reached Shanghai, China just before Christmas. Things must be bad indeed in Germany when refuge must be found in a war torn, heathen city for people from whose race comes the Christ.

It was a happy occasion on Thursday morning in the Evangelistic Conference when a young man who was not a Christian had come with Pastor Farr to attend the meetings walked down the aisle with the pastor to confess his faith in the Savior.

"And the hand of the Lord was with them." You will find something like that in a number of places in the story of the apostles and early disciples. The hand of the Lord is always with the adventurous disciple, the one who is willing to strike out in new ways, launch new enterprises. Adventure is an act of faith and the Lord honors every act of faith. Here were people who burst the bonds of precedent and prejudice. You will read about them in the eleventh chapter of Acts. Scattered in every direction by the persecution that followed the death of Stephen, some of them struck out to the northward up the coast, as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, preaching to all the Jews they encountered. "But"—notice here are some who were different, more adventurous. "But there were some who when they were come to Antioch, spoke unto the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus." And the hand of the Lord was with them. When you break precedents to save souls, the Lord will break forth in blessing and in power. The Lord is looking for somebody who will get out of the beaten path to do service in His name. So it was when Philip went to Samaria, when Peter went to Caesarea, when Saul of Tarsus went into the coasts and fastnesses of Asia Minor. "The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord."

The A B C of the gospel: "ALL have sinned and do come short of the glory of God." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Call upon him while he is near.

Day Dawns in Yoruba Land is a new mission book by Dr. C. E. Maddry, which gives the interesting story of our mission work in Africa. It will be ready in May.

Pastor J. A. Fortner rejoices in the blessing of God at Stonewall. With the exception of one service there have been two additions at every preaching service this year. Eleven were baptized Sunday, Feb. 26. The church recently paid \$400.00 of the debt on the education building.

The church at Bogue Chitto was privileged to have Dr. J. W. Shepard, professor of New Testament and Greek at the Baptist Bible Institute, as a visitor Sunday, February 26. He preached at the morning hour a forceful message using John 9:4 as a text—M. J. Anderson, Pastor.

The Sharon Baptist Church in Jones County organized a Brotherhood Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26. The West Laurel Brotherhood met with them and assisted in the organization. Officers elected were: J. W. Adams, president; Earnest Johnson, vice-president; Hub Hosey, vice-president; Vester Welborn, secretary. This new Brotherhood makes 20 in Jones County.—H. H.

"To your tents, O Israel." If there was any one truth that stood out above all others at the Evangelistic Conference it was the urgent need for immediate and continuous efforts in behalf of the lost. All men are lost. Christ died for all. He has commissioned us to carry the good news to all. God is able to save unto the end all them that come to him through Christ.

Governor Cooper of Tennessee vetoed the liquor bill but it was passed over his veto. All honor to the governor. The bill provides for county elections, each county deciding whether or not it will permit the sale of liquor. It is to be sold only in packages and not consumed on the premises where sold. Now there are only three states in which the sale of hard liquor is illegal. They are Mississippi, Oklahoma and Kansas.

The First Baptist Church of Raymondville has just closed a gracious revival led by Rev. L. S. Cole of Refugio, and formerly of Mississippi. In spite of every possible hindrance attendance was good throughout the two weeks. Practically every unsaved person who attended with any degree of regularity was reached. The net result was 15 additions by baptism, fourteen by letter, and seventeen reconsecrations. The spiritual life of the church is on a higher plane than it has been for several years. We have had other meetings in which there were far larger gatherings; but we feel sure that the lasting results of this meeting will surpass any of them. We thank Mississippi for giving to Texas such preachers as brother Cole.—C. G. Carter.

They didn't have newspapers in those days, in the beginning of the gospel. A good religious weekly might have helped a lot. But the news had a way of spreading. When a great number believed at Antioch and turned to the Lord, "the report concerning them came to the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem," and they immediately got interested. Probably some of them got uneasy. Things began to move. Some doubtless were glad and wanted to help. So they sent Barnabas as far as Antioch. It began as a work of volunteers. It generally does. The wind bloweth where it listeth. Individual souls like Carey or Judson are moved and move out. Then the folks back home begin to wake up. They get together and agree to help. They send out re-enforcements and men to investigate and report. Barnabas was a sympathetic soul. His shell wasn't as hard as that of those who grew up at Jerusalem. He believed there were folks outside of Judea and Jerusalem that God was interested in. "And when he had come and seen the grace of God he was glad." And he joined into help. He was big enough to believe that God could use other folks to start a good work. "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, and much people was added to the Lord." If you can't start something yourself, join in and help those who do. Your aid is needed.

At Calvary Church, Tupelo, the work has grown so that a third story had to be put on the education annex, increasing the capacity by 20%. Every Sunday in this year there has been an increase in Sunday school attendance, making a record for the life of the church. There have also been additions to the church every Sunday. The pastor also rejoices that Lee County recently voted against the sale of beer and wine.

Speaking of popes: they tell us that Peter was the first one on the list. We have just read again the first eighteen verses of the eleventh chapter of Acts. Here is given us an account of how the church at Jerusalem called Peter to account for something which he had done which they considered irregular and entirely out of order. It is a very instructive bit of ecclesiastical history and procedure. They did not hesitate to call Peter to the carpet to explain his conduct, and defend himself. They didn't like his going down there to Caesarea and mixing up with the Gentiles. Of course they were wrong and Peter was right, but that did not relieve him of the necessity of answering to the church for what he had done. He did not strut like a bantam cock and tell them he was the head of the church and would do as he pleased and they could "like it or lump it." No, he came before them and gave an account of all that had happened; told the whole thing from start to finish, like any good church member would, or ought. He didn't get "huffy" about it and pull out and organize another church. He toed the line and gave an account of himself. And when they heard the story they were satisfied. They had no more complaint to make and entered heartily into sympathy with what he had done. "They glorified God, saying, then to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life." That was not the only local congregation or church that called the higher-ups to account. You will read about another one in Revelation 2:2.

A GOOD APPETITE

It falls to the lot of this writer to take a good many meals in restaurants. In doing this he is in the midst of people who are, like himself, busy with eating. In general these people divide themselves into two classes, those who eat with relish and those who seem to be eating from force of habit, or simply to keep the machine going. The first group chew with vigor, because they enjoy every bite they take. The other finger their food or knife and fork without any apparent pleasure in what they are doing. And this difference registers in about every thing else they do. For the people who eat with relish and evident satisfaction seem to enjoy everything else they do. Their faces are alert; their step is quick; their speech is virile. There is an air of energy and life about everything they do.

Something like this is what Jesus had in mind when He said, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Here are the natural appetites applied to the things of the soul. Just as bread is a necessity for the body, so righteousness is essential to the health of the soul. A healthy body has a good appetite; and a healthy soul has the natural craving for righteousness. It is the normal state of the soul. The soul cannot live without it.

If there is lack of appetite, there is disease somewhere. It is due to some poison in the system or failure of the organs to function properly. Loss of appetite for wholesome food is due sometimes to feeding on something which is not nourishing, but injurious. Smoking will destroy appetite. And clay eaters will not care for nourishing food. So people who feed on salacious literature or who attend constantly highly emotional picture shows will lose any desire for what is satisfying.

"Ho everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; come ye, buy and eat; yea come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not." And Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."

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Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b.

"If my people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place."—2 Chronicles 7:14-15.

I

The great evangelistic conference in Clinton last week was pronounced a glowing success by all who attended. Considering that all preparation and announcements were made within about a month's time, we feel that only the Lord could have given the measure of success attained. The attendance was good. The messages were refreshing and thrilling. We heard any number of brethren say, "We must have another one next year." Think of the results that might be attained under the leadership of the Spirit, with one year to plan for it, pray for it, point toward it, and prepare for it. Let us begin to work now to get that preacher brother from the most distant point within the state there.

Plans for our district conferences are rapidly maturing. Dates and programs are being published as rapidly as they get to this office. Invite the lost and urge the backslidden to these services.

Many of the associations, with the moderator as associational director of evangelism, or with some other person duly elected for this responsibility, are planning for an all-day evangelistic conference. In addition, there might be an all-day evangelistic conference in each supervisor's beat in the more populous counties.

We believe just about every church, every Baptist church, in Mississippi will conduct revival services this year. Many churches, together with soul-winning, are establishing family altars, distributing tracts and other literature. Mississippi Baptists are most assuredly going after individuals for Christ.

There was a day of unscreened houses, miasmatic pools about the houses, the unbalanced diet for babies, making for sickly children. Today, we see better conditions. However, in many churches, because of the atmosphere, lack of exercise, unbalanced diet, etc., we have altogether too many "fevered" church members, but Baptists are certainly on their way. "Our God Marches On!"

II

Four words epitomize the Christian life. The first of these is "Come." That was spoken often, as recorded in the Scriptures, by Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The second word is "Tarry." Paul spent three years in Arabia. The disciples spent ten days in the upper room. Jesus himself spent more than one night in prayer. What examples!

The third word is "Go." If one tarries in the spirit suggested by Jesus, surely fires will burn in his bones until he must go.

The next word is "Give." An incomplete gospel is the paralysis of the church in many instances. Paul said, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, it is more blessed to give than to receive."

"Mississippi for the Master" will become increasingly meaningful and real as these four words become living, burning, victorious realities, incarnate in professed followers of Jesus.

III

This is personal, but we want you to know it. Your secretary has never driven a hard bargain, nor ever tried to with any church. He came from Lyon in the Delta, to the Jackson pastorate at a \$750.00 per year reduction in salary. It was five years before the former salary was restored. We went from Jackson to Philadelphia at the same identical salary to a dollar, so far as he knows. He felt it only fair, serving pastors and Christian men and women of Mississippi, for his salary to be in line with that paid by churches to their pastors. He, therefore, suggested to the Executive Committee in recent session that we

be allowed to make a slight reduction in this regard. In addition, we expect to turn back into the work, funds for supply church pulpits, with love gifts from regular church revivals, in total amount, just about large enough to pay for traveling expenses. He feels the present salary level is just about equivalent to that of the pastorate, with love gifts from meetings, etc.

IV

Your secretary has in hand, a signed statement from the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, to the effect that of every 10c received, 9c actually reaches the work on the Foreign Field. Of that given last year, more than one million dollars reached the field, so it is not all kept at headquarters, nor is it all mis-spent as some supercritics suggest. Approximately one-half of the more than a million dollars came through the Co-operative Program, so that is not altogether a failure. However, we have not graduated in either, so let us press on!

V

Since accepting this work, your secretary has been happy in the privilege of going into sixteen associational meetings, speaking in several other churches and institutions. In addition thereto, baptizing eleven persons, seeing twelve people step out on profession of faith, and eighteen walk down the aisle for Christ and church membership, and forty-three persons hold up their hand, saying thereby, "I am lost, pray for me." We have also incidentally secured about sixteen Five Thousand Club memberships.

VI

We are happy to report receipts for the last month slightly in excess for the same month last year. At the close of this month, we expect to publish receipts in the Baptist Record.

The brethren over the state should keep Dr. R. B. Gunter busy in revival meetings. He is doing some mighty good preaching.

VII

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." Matt. 7:12.

Jesus here gives us some mighty good words to live by. It is more than a good text. Of course, when others do not accord us treatment according to the Golden Rule, we should be willing to "Take it on the chin" for Jesus' sake. Brethren, let us pray for each other, that we may put our Christianity into practical operation.

IX

If the fellow who broke into two or three offices up here would return my lifetime Parker pen set, I would pronounce him the most honest thief I know. Think of it! A truthful liar, a devilish Christian, an honest thief, a hell-bound saint.

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PROGRAM EAST CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

Macon Miss., April 11-12, 1939

Tuesday Morning—10:00-11:30

"TARRYING FOR POWER"

10:00-10:30—Praise and Power, Jack Perkins.

10:30-11:00—Prayer and Power, Dr. J. D. Ray.

11:00-11:30—Personal Testimony and Power, Dr. J. D. Franks.

11:30-12:15—Preaching and Power, D. A. McCall.

Tuesday Afternoon—2:00-4:00

"THE BIBLE AND SOUL-WINNING"

2:00-2:30—The Bible on Sin, Dr. P. I. Lipsey.

2:30-3:00—The Bible and the Sinner, J. H. Avery.

3:00-3:30—The Bible and the Soulwinner, R. A. Morris.

3:30-4:00—Sermon, Dr. J. R. McMillin.

Tuesday Night

7:30—Evangelistic Service, D. A. McCall.

Wednesday Morning—9:30-12:30

"USING THE POWER"

9:30-9:50—A Vision of the Field, T. M. Fleming.

9:50-10:10—Religious Census in Soulwinning, C. Weaver.

10:10-11:10—Organizations in Soulwinning:

(1) Sunday School, E. C. Williams.

(2) B. T. U., Auber J. Wilds.

(3) W. M. U., Mrs. H. L. Rhodes.

(4) Brotherhood, W. E. Hardy.

11:20—Sermon, D. A. McCall.
Adjourn.

Committee:

R. D. Pearson, Macon, Chairman

J. D. Franks, Columbus

C. C. Weaver, Noxapater

T. M. Fleming, Meridian

J. N. McMillin, Louisville

J. D. Ray, Starkville

W. E. Hardy, Scooba

J. D. McCraw, Decatur

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RESOLUTIONS OF PROTEST Vs. BILL H.R. 101

Passed by the Statewide Evangelistic Conference at Clinton.

Having learned that an amendment to the Social Security Act known as Bill H.R. 101, has been offered in the lower House of Congress and referred to the committee on Ways and Means of which the Honorable Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina is chairman;

And whereas this amendment, if passed by the Congress, would subject all churches and religious institutions and organizations to taxation, from which they are now and have been exempt; and in addition would impair and finally destroy the annuity organization of the churches which now have a capitalization of about \$200,000,000 plus the annual incomes from the churches;

And whereas such amendment to the Social Security Act would be contrary to the Bill of Rights, the first article of which is the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which says: "Congress shall make no law respecting establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof";

And whereas such amendment, if passed, would violate the time-honored doctrine of separation of church and state, and would tend toward the ideal of totalitarianism which has wrought havoc in other parts of the world;

Therefore, be it resolved;

1. That the members of the Baptist churches of Mississippi representing 260,000 white Baptists, in meeting assembled at Clinton, Mississippi, February 27 to March 2, 1939, do hereby voice our strongest protest against the passage of the said amendment.

2. That we call on our representatives in both branches of the Congress to use their influence and voting power against the passage of the amendment.

3. That our committee be instructed to send a copy of the preamble and resolutions to the Hon. Robert L. Doughton, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives; Senator Pat Harrison, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; Senator Theodore G. Bilbo; and Congressmen John E. Rankin, Wall Doxey, W. M. Whittington, A. L. Ford, Ross Collins, William Colmer, and Dan McGehee.

Respectfully submitted:

L. G. Gates, Chairman

S. B. Cooper

C. J. Olander

—BR—

Professor David E. Guyton, head of the department of History and Social Science of Blue Mountain College, was guest speaker at the annual banquet of Phi Delta Theta at University of Mississippi recently, honoring new initiates. The other guest speaker was Doctor Carter Helm Jones of Virginia.

To say that the conference at Clinton was an inspiration is stating it mildly. It was more than that. Jimmy Durante says, on the radio: "It was colossal, magnificent, immense, and so forth." He says that in jest, but I say it in all earnestness concerning our evangelistic conference. I have been to Winona Lake and to Ridgecrest. Not for a moment would I minimize the value of these two great conferences. But, without hesitancy, I make bold to say that our evangelistic conference just closed was the greatest, most far-reaching thing of its kind I have ever attended, and eternity alone will be able to properly evaluate it. God's blessings will come on Mississippi now! They must! Sincerely and prayerfully yours, Glen Eric Wiley.

EDITORIALS

THE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

The Conference held at Clinton last week was different from the usual meetings of our people. For one thing it was specially, though not exclusively for preachers. Others were invited; preachers were urged. The meetings were open to anybody who wanted to come, and many came. But it was primarily that the preachers might seek a higher plane of Christian living and a better preparation for ministering to others.

The preachers came from every section of the state. Not all came, but every section was represented. They came praying and hoping for a new vision of the Lord, a fresh anointing for service, a more complete dedication to the will of God. It was not a time for instruction, but a period of heart warming and spiritual illumination, a closer fellowship with the Lord Jesus and a quickened compassion for the lost.

Each session of the nine was opened with a season of prayer. We would not say there were high hours, or mountain top experiences. We did not need so much a lifting up as we needed to be humble before our Lord. For this there was need of confession and supplication. But we judge there was as much genuine praying while listening to the messages, as there was in the periods set apart for prayer. It was a time for baring our souls before God.

We were fortunate in the visiting brethren who were on the program. Without anybody proposing it, all the out of state speakers except one were from the western side of the Mississippi River. The exception, brother T. L. Holcomb, had been a pastor and mission secretary west of the river. Drs. Scarborough and White were born west of the river. Drs. Dodd and Campbell have been over there for a good many years. They are all preachers with the evangelistic note and passion. Our own Mississippi men on the program rendered helpful service.

Dr. Scarborough carries great burdens on his shoulders and heart. Those who were present in Richmond when he was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention could see that the responsibility of the office weighed heavily on him, and the honors were not uppermost in his mind. He is a man with a burdened soul. He believes that this year is fraught with greater possibilities for our people than ever before. He is like the Master who said, "I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straitened 'till it be accomplished." He is in need of the prayerful support of his brethren that he may be able to carry through the work on his heart. He was a rebuke and an inspiration to us all.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, mission secretary in Texas, was new to some of us, but as Dr. Gambrell used to say, "He is our kind." Indeed he reminds you of Dr. Gambrell in his voice and straightforward manner. His voice can crack like a whip or crackle like a conflagration. There is no mistaking his sincerity, nor the deep earnestness of his purpose. It is good to come in touch with a man whose heart God has touched.

Dr. W. R. White is pastor of the great First Church in Oklahoma City, and is doing in his church what every true pastor aspires to do under God. He is carrying on a constant evangelistic program. His preaching is born of a vital experience and a constant consciousness of the hand of God upon him. The warmth of his messages kindled evangelistic fires in other hearts.

Dr. M. E. Dodd of First Church, Shreveport, could be with us for only two addresses, but they will not soon be forgotten. He is a very busy man but he does not let the fire of evangelism die down in his soul. He keeps a church busy looking after the lost. His personal experience in leading high and low to the knowledge of Jesus were used to help the rest of us and make us want to carry the message to the lost.

Dr. L. T. Holcomb has lost none of the evangelistic passion which characterized his pastoral ministry and which made him a soul winning

evangelist. Indeed he has put this purpose into the very heart of the work of the Sunday School Board. It is doing today more than ever before to make disciples, baptize them and teach them to do all the Lord has commanded. Our people were glad to have him back in Mississippi.

May the Lord Help us who attended the Conference and those who could not, to give ourselves anew to the first and main work of the kingdom of God, making known His salvation to the ends of the earth.

SAMSON'S RIDDLE

If you are not familiar with it you will find it in the fourteenth chapter of Judges. It's a very simple affair, about equal to the child mind which Samson had, and about on a par with a good many minds of our generation. It was about the lion which he had killed and the honey he had eaten out of the carcass or skeleton.

But the point of this story is that the Philistines were stupid too and they couldn't solve the riddle. However, they resorted to the stratagem of getting Samson's wife to intercede for them and inveigle Samson into telling her what it meant. She boohooed around for seven days begging him to tell her. This weapon of women is not modern. Doubtless Eve knew the trick and worked it. Then Samson told her and she lost no time in telling the Philistines, for they had threatened to burn her house down if she didn't. In high glee they reported to Samson that they knew the answer to his riddle.

But Samson had sense enough to know how they had found it out. And he said, "If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle." And the moral of this story is that often the most effective way, possibly, the only way to get a thing done, is to get somebody for an "inside job." There are plenty of applications you may make. For example the Devil can do his most effective work by getting as an agent somebody in the church. They don't have to be Christians but church members. Samson's wife was not an Israelite.

But here is the application we wish our own folks to get. There is a fine Presbyterian school for boys in Mississippi. The most successful agent for getting boys to that school is a Baptist. A few years ago we knew a Methodist school in Mississippi which employed and sent out soliciting girls for students, one of the most attractive young Baptist women in the state. And she got them. There are doubtless other instances with which you are familiar. Just now we know of a school which is not Baptist, which is making overtures to one of our Baptist preachers to solicit students. Surely the children of this world are wiser for their generation than are some Baptist people, maybe than all of us put together.

The Baptist Record has schools of other denominations come and solicit the privilege of advertising in the Record. They know it is good business. And all the time the words of Samson keep ringing in our ears: "If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle."

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

The reader will have no difficulty in recalling the incident which called forth from Jesus this word, "Have faith in God." It was his last week in Jerusalem, his last with the disciples. Disturbing things were happening. The whole atmosphere was filled with uncertainty. Opposition to Him was turning to hatred and would soon culminate in murder. The disciples had been afraid to go to Jerusalem and had protested against his going. "Master, the Jews were but now, seeking to slay thee; and goest thou thither again?" Jesus was not to be turned back, nor turned away from his purpose, though he knew better than they how it would result.

Soon the clouds would break in fury over their heads. He on whom they had depended would be snatched away from them. They must be made steadfast in faith. Everything done during this

final week was to steady their minds, and prepare them for the inevitable hour. And among the happenings of these last days was pronouncing the curse on the fig tree which had leaves and no fruit. It was not a petulant expression of disappointment. Jesus knew what was on the fig tree, and what was not. It was not primarily a rebuke to unfruitful but pretentious lives; though this probably had its place. No, the thing which Jesus meant to impress on them, and did impress on them, was faith in the power of God which accompanied his word, and would accompany theirs as his disciples.

He did not draw any lesson about unfruitfulness, though many preachers have done so. When Peter called his attention the next day to the fact that the tree had "withered away from the roots," "Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God." And tells them they will be able to remove "this mountain," the Olivet ridge, and see it tossed into the sea, the Dead Sea nearby, or the Mediterranean some forty miles away. And then he tells them that "whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

But what we are concerned about now is that the faith must be "in God." Faith must rest in something; nay, must lay hold on some One, on a Person, not in things, circumstances, favorable conditions, instrumentalities, people, aids, numbers, wealth, culture, education, equipment, position, favor of men. The first disciples had none of these. We are not to lament that they did not have them, but glory in the fact that they did not. They could have been far worse off with them than without them. Not that these things may not be good and helpful if properly understood and related to God. But the fact that they did not have them threw them back absolutely on God and on Him alone. Whatever comes in between us and God, or takes his place, is not a help but an effective barrier against true faith. Jesus said, "Believe in God; Believe also in Me."

When Gideon started out with 32,000 men, the Lord told him to send most of them home. And when 10,000 remained, He said, "That's too many." They had to be reduced, that the faith of Gideon might rest on God alone. When the Laodiceans said, "We have gotten riches," their case was hopeless. It may be necessary for the Lord to strip us of all the usually esteemed instruments of advantage which have accumulated as denominational baggage in order that we may come back to simple faith in the power of God, and the gospel of his grace as our sole reliance for victory over sin and the world. The things of which we have boasted may be the very things that hinder us in taking the world for Christ.

What would you think of starting right back where the apostles began their work? They were without church houses, without financial endowment, without educational system or equipment, without social prestige, without any of the institutions of which we now boast. But they had "faith in God," and God did not fail them.

"Through faith they subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, waxed mighty in war, turned to flight armies of aliens." Simple faith is more than Norman blood—or Norman swords.

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In the United States Senate the chaplain prayed four times in the 75th session, 1937-38, and drew his salary of \$1,680. A rule has now been adopted requiring the chaplain to pray every day the Senate meets. Whether this is indicative of more religion or a wish that the chaplain may earn his salary, we know not.

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By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager
"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"

Calhoun City:

Calhoun City Baptist Church can claim sweetness as one of its good points. At least they sent over a ton (2125 pounds), of sugar to the Orphanage.

Rev. J. W. T. Siler, the pastor is growing in esteem among the people of Calhoun City.

The fully graded Sunday school is led by Supt. H. O. Burson and the B. T. U. by Miss Joan Murphy. They have five unions and the Story Hour.

One member of the W. M. S. said, "Our W. M. S. is the best in the state." And they have five circles and the auxiliary organizations, all of which are active.

We explained the EF plan to a meeting of deacons and they approved the idea and hope to include it in their next budget. Calhoun County subscribers are listed as follows: Meridian church 1, CALHOUN CITY 77, Vardaman 15, College Hill 1, Slate Springs 10, Sarepta 1, PITTSBORO 14, Big Creek 6, Bruce 3, Derma 7, MT. TABOR 27, BETHANY 25, BETHEL CHURCH 14, Samburg 3.

Old Pearl Valley:

We led in a revival meeting at Old Pearl Valley Church (Neshoba County), last summer and an invitation to go back and preach on a recent Sunday was greatly appreciated. But they had done so much building that we hardly knew the place. Four Sunday school rooms, a library room, remodeling upstairs and twelve Five Thousand Club members, are some of the improvements. Rev. D. A. McCall has been their pastor and all the above is a testimony to his wise leadership. His almost indispensable helper has been Prof. L. E. Cliburn (Mississippi College) who is principal of the Arlington school.

Neshoba County is third in per capita subscriptions to the Baptist Record. They are listed as follows: PHILADELPHIA 215, SPRING HILL 30, SARDIS 33, NESHOPA 20, NEW HARMONY 15, McDonald 3, OLD PEARL VALLEY 46, County Line 3, COLDWATER 32, Laurel Hill 9, DIXON 17.

Baldwyn:

While attending the evangelistic conference at Baldwyn, we were pleased to see many evidences of progress at Baldwyn where Rev. C. E. Patch is the beloved pastor.

Some of the accomplishments of 1938 are: "During 1938 special plans and services were made and held culminating in a revival in August, held by the pastor, resulting in 70 additions to the church, beginning the first of September with \$21.00 in the treasury, work of repairing the building began on a "pay as you go" basis. A new roof, remodeling and repainting of auditorium, new light fixtures, placing of rugs on aisles and in choir, building of 15 Sunday school class rooms and two department auditoriums, painting of basement, new entrances into basement rooms, two new walkways about church, and a new automatic stoker hot air furnace. The \$21.00 grew to more than \$3,000, and the first Sunday in December Dr. W. C. Tyler, head of the Bible department of Blue Mountain, preached the dedication sermon. The building, begun in 1924 has thus been finished, the pastorium repaired, the Baldwyn Baptists look forward to great blessings as they use the dedicated building to the glory of God. Baldwyn has the EF plan."

The EF plan doesn't do the work but it helps. Lee County subscribers are listed as follows: Tupelo 18, Shannon 7, BALDWIN 90, Guntown 2, Saltillo 3, Plantersville 9, VERONA 33, Nettleton 3, AUBURN 10, Bethany 1.

IT MUST BE GOOD

The Every Family plan must be good. So many churches have recently adopted it that we haven't had space to list them. Below we give a few with

others to follow. The pastor's name is given, if known.

So many churches can't all be wrong. Sanford, Gaston Mooney; Handsboro, E. S. Flynt; Fairview (Sunflower County), C. M. Day; Roxie W. W. Kyzar; Shelby, J. J. Burson; Ethel, W. T. Darling; Morrison Chapel, L. E. McGowan; Center Terrace, Jas. D. Walker; Old Pearl Valley, (Neshoba County); Sledge, R. W. Porter; East Moss Point, W. A. Murray; Bay Springs, (Lafayette County), Calvary, (Perry County); Luther Turner; New Prospect, Lincoln County; Shady Grove, Lincoln County; Old Silver Creek, (Lawrence County); Como, W. O. Beatty; Eupora, J. B. Middleton; Eden, D. I. Young; Kreole, S. E. Nix; Antioch (Rankin County, W. S. Landrum; Dinan, (Walthall County), Spring Hill, (Yalobusha County), Coldwater, (Neshoba County), Mt. Zion, (Leake County); J. W. Burnett; New Albany, J. P. Kirkland; Bethlehem, Simpson County, W. S. Landrum; Brooksville, C. A. Webb; Port Gibson, L. Reed Polk; Bogue Chitto, M. J. Anderson.

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Though it is promoted by not a few ministers and theologians who are supposed to voice the more perfect words of the wisdom of God, we make bold to say that we scarcely know a more stupid misinterpretation of the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ than that through which they seek to make Him the sponsor for outward ecclesiastical conformity. There is at work in America a "Protestant Catholicism," its chief and always vocal sponsor and propagandist being the so-called Federal Council of Churches. The membership of this body is not, in any way that Baptists would even remotely sanction, representative of a single denominational body which this group claims to represent. The main ecclesiology of the group is that of a Protestant Catholicism, ruled by the wisdom of the self-constituted top. Its main theology assays a program of social welfare. Most of the past Presidents of this body have been Modernists and the present President is an outspoken one.—Western Recorder.

In praying for a world-wide revival, will you pray specifically for the Jews, for the people of Germany, Italy and Russia. We do not know where the fires will break forth first. It may not be among Southern Baptists, but it may be in answer to prayer of Southern Baptists. The wind bloweth where it listeth. God's Spirit is Sovereign and works all things after the counsel of His own will.

The desire of the British and French for the war in Spain to end and the unwillingness of the Loyalists to quit reminds us of a story. A boy had been sick for a long time. He seemed near the end. The doctor stood by the bed and the undertaker right behind him. His step-mother watched from a few feet away. At last the doctor said to the undertaker, "He's gone." But the little fellow feebly opened his eyes and said, "Not yet." The step-mother intervened and said to him, "Now, Willie, you mustn't dispute the word of the doctor."

The Alabama Baptist says that Dr. Jno. L. Slaughter, a Mississippian who strayed over into Alabama to be pastor of First Church, Birmingham, has each applicant for membership in the church to hold up his hand in promise to attend church regularly, to cooperate in all the activities of the church and to honor the Lord with his substance. And when the offerings of the people are brought to the front, the people stand and in response to the directing words of the pastor declare openly that they dedicate their gifts to the service of God.

We do not accept all that President Roosevelt preaches. But we are of the opinion that his warning to employers in the South that wages must be increased if the South is not to continue to be the nation's No. 1 economic problem. He says that prosperity cannot come to any section where the buying power of the workmen is as low as it is among us. People who cannot see this are terribly short sighted. And those who oppose it from narrow, selfish interests, need to have their business regulated by somebody who knows the first principles of prosperity.

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BAPTISTS AND COMING CRISES

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Jesus once asked the multitudes, "How is it that ye know not how to interpret this time?" (Luke 12:56). Might not this be an appropriate question to put to Baptists? Are we aware of our world? Or are we placidly drifting along our accustomed way, oblivious to the rising tides of change and their significance for us as Baptists? God give us vision to see ourselves in the context of our time!

I venture to suggest that there are at least three major crises in the making which Baptists must face in one way or another. It would be tragic to drift into any one of them unawares. The conditions creating these crises ought to be recognized now in order that we may avert each crisis or be prepared to meet it when it comes. Two of these crises may be termed "external"; the conditions which seem to be bringing them to pass are not of our own making, but if and when they arrive we cannot escape them; they will vitally affect our life. The third crisis is our very own; it is of our own making and we alone can solve it; it is "internal." What we do to avert or meet this our own "internal" crisis will determine in large measure the success or failure with which we meet the "external" crises.

What are these crises?

1. The Crisis which is developing because of the threat to democracy and the constant encroachment of the state upon freedom in religion.

It is only necessary to recall the situation in Germany, Italy, Russia and Rumania to remind ourselves that religious freedom can no longer be taken for granted. Japan's conquest of China is resulting in the daily imposition of additional restrictions upon the work of Baptists and other missionary bodies. The United States may be described as the last great citadel of religious freedom and the only world power which stands for the actual separation of church and state.

It is exceedingly dangerous, however, to take the attitude that "it can't happen here" and that things will always be as they are in America. The bill in Congress which would bring the churches under the provisions of the Social Security Act should awaken us from our lethargy and put us on guard against the incipency of any movement which would in any way compromise the principle of absolute separation of church and state. The only secular environment tolerable to Baptists is a democracy. We cannot thrive in any other. A true democracy, we believe, is founded upon spiritual freedom and spiritual freedom demands separation of church and state. What shall Baptists say, then, to this march of totalitarianism that would crush democracy?

2. The crisis which is developing as a result of the Ecumenical movement.

Baptists cannot close their eyes to this movement which has as its goal the uniting of all Protestant denominations into one body. There are several reasons why we cannot ignore this movement. One is that the movement is a result of a very definite trend in Christian thought. Well-informed Baptists do not wish to ignore definite trends in Christian thinking of any kind. Another reason we cannot ignore the movement is that our closest neighbors—the rank and file of them—the Methodists and the Presbyterians, are in process of discussion and action having to do with church union. One may not approve of what his neighbors are doing, but he cannot ignore what they are doing. Still another reason that prevents Baptists from ignoring this ecumenical movement is the fact that there is reason to believe that not a few Baptists are in favor of some form of church union. In an article in the current issue of Christendom entitled, "A Baptist Looks at Church Union," S. Arthur Devan sets forth ably the traditional principles which distinguish Baptists from other bodies, but he sets these aside as no longer bars to church union. If the crisis came within the present year

and pressure were put upon Baptists to lose their identity in the "United Christian Church of America," how many of our people are there who would take the position Mr. Devan has taken? We do not know, but we are fearful that there are multitudes of Baptists who know so little about the distinctive principles of Baptists that they could give very little reason for a continued separate existence of our denomination. In this case conviction would necessarily be weak and people of weak convictions are easy prey to specious arguments. It is not difficult to foresee under such circumstances a real crisis about this issue, even in Southern Baptist life. There is this final reason that Baptists should not disregard the ecumenical movement: we do not wish to be misunderstood. There should be no presumptions about our positions. Nor should we be subjected to unjust criticism. We do not wish to be narrow sectarians. We believe in cooperation with our Christian brethren of other denominations. But how far shall we go, and why shall we go no farther? Our people should be taught the answer to these questions before it is too late.

3. The Crisis which is rapidly developing within our own denomination as a result of the growth of Institutionalism.

This we have called the "internal" crisis. The others mentioned are "external" now, though in due course they may become "internal." Talk of a growing institutionalism is no new thing with us. Perhaps we have talked so much about the matter we have ceased to be apprehensive. Here is the danger. Growing institutionalism is no less a peril because there has been much talk about it. And the gravest of all dangers is that this growing institutionalism may rob us of our unique Baptist witness and make us impotent in the face of the increasing threat to religious liberty and the blandishment of the ecumenical movement.

What has the rising tide of institutionalism done for us? It has created one of the vastest and most intricate church organizations in history. And much of this is necessary and good. But the structure of this vast organization is now so great that it is in imminent peril of crashing of its own weight. Perhaps it were better that the crash should come, but what have we with which to rebuild? Institutionalism has caused us in considerable measure to contradict our own traditional principle of congregational and democratic church government by substituting a growing ecclesiastical system for control by the people. The layman is puzzled to see much practical difference between our system and that of the Methodists and Presbyterians. Institutionalism is demanding too much time of our faithful people in activities inside the churches and is denying them the opportunity for developing spiritual power in service outside the churches. Institutionalism is tempting the people to substitute church activities for vital Christian living. Institutionalism is spreading the coat of Christian knowledge and conviction too thin and has brought the masses to the brink of superficiality in thinking. Institutionalism is encouraging professionalism in the ministry and threatens to take from our hearts the spirit of the cross and fill us with love for bigness, pomp and power.

What is our need? Spiritual resources and great convictions! The masses of our people suffer for lack of knowledge and spiritual power. The times cry out for leaders who will set the imaginations of the people aflame with great doctrines. The Bible must be re-discovered! Why should not Baptists, whose loyalty to the Book of books is traditional, lead in this re-discovery of the Bible that must come? Preachers should clothe with life and modern meaning and burn into the hearts of their people the ancient truths of justification by faith, repentance, regenerate church membership, redemption, the priesthood of believers, democracy in church government, freedom in religion, soul liberty. Youth should know the meaning of these ancient principles and their relevancy in the modern world. But preaching and teaching alone will not suffice to create the spiritual resources our people need. The people must be taught the art of true worship and the meaning

of prayer. Modern mechanized, organized and regimented life must not be allowed to destroy the beauty of worship and the power of prayer. The goal of every Christian life must somehow be made the life of prayer.

Nor is this all we must do if we would save ourselves from the peril of institutionalism. The energies of our people must be related to the immediate environments in which they live. There is much to be done outside the churches as well as within. Too much of the religious energy of our people is being dissipated inside the churches. Baptists love their land, their own country. They believe in the rights of individuals and minorities. They are generally a charitable people and are capable of being aroused in behalf of oppressed groups. They can be taught the meaning of democracy in industry and economics as well as democracy in government. Baptists are too much of the soil and of the people to be disassociated from the life of their communities. Why not lead our people to prove God in a demonstration of His power to regenerate communities, business and industry through the influence and activity of regenerated individuals? Consider the potentialities of four million spiritually alive Baptists to re-build our beloved South spiritually, morally, socially, economically and politically! Once our people caught the vision of this challenge there would be a response of spiritual power in the lives of thousands who realize that Christianity can and must be the vital factor in the salvation of civilization and the re-making of the world.

Baptists perhaps face today their greatest opportunity. Perhaps, too, they are in the greatest peril of their long history. But who knows but that we have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this? If we will arise in the vigor of new pioneering to shake off the shackles of institutionalism and discover resources of spiritual power; if, in other words, we are capable of meeting and solving our own crisis, we need not fear the onset of forces from without. The faith of our fathers rekindled in our hearts will establish us and make us able to face the future unafraid.

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A THREAT TO RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

In a recent issue of the Baptist Messenger we called attention to a very serious threat to religious liberty which evangelical churches of this country face. The Social Security Advisory Council has recommended that Congress extend federal old-age insurance protection to virtually every man, woman and child in the country. The threat to religious liberty comes in that provision of the recommendation which provides for the immediate extension of the system to the employees of non-profit religious, charitable, and educational institutions. The adoption of this provision would give the Government power to tax all churches; and by its own contribution to such a fund, contribute to the support of the churches. A share in the support of an institution inevitably involves a share in control. The next step would be control of the churches, and we should have, sooner or later, conditions similar to Germany and other countries where the Government supports, in part, the state churches and demands the privileges of controlling them. The implications of the proposal of the Social Security Advisory Council are far more serious than appear on the surface. Lovers of religious liberty should without delay protest to their representatives in Congress against adoption of such extension of the Social Security Act.—Baptist Messenger.

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There are 25 Negro Baptist churches in Nova Scotia, and two in New Brunswick.

Eupora, during the three months that The Baptist Record has been coming to every family, the Sunday school has grown, the church attendance has been the largest that it has been at the same season of the year during the eight years that I have been there. Also, the financial condition of the church is better than at any time during these eight years.—J. B. Middleton, Pastor.

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THE STATEWIDE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

Walton E. Lee

In the auditorium of the Clinton church on the afternoon of February 27, nearly one hundred Mississippi Baptists were together for a four day Evangelistic Conference. These had come through a steady downpour of rain and the numbers rapidly increased as the program proceeded.

The prayer hour which opened the initial session was directed by brother W. A. Green and was an appropriate opening of the meeting since in it were impressed some of the things which hinders God from answering prayer, one of the essentials in the promotion of a revival. The consideration, it is felt, brought brokenness of heart and conviction of spirit which God does not despise. It was a fine preparation for the enjoyment of the feast of truths brought by the speaker who followed on the program.

The Conference is for the consideration of such things as will in the most efficient way promote a revival among the people of the state as well as throughout the south and the world.

The address by brother E. K. Cox was an added emphasis to prayer, giving a number of examples of prevailing and answered prayer as given in the scriptures and in modern life, which served as an encouragement to persistent prayer.

It was announced that Dr. Scarborough, who was to address the meeting at this time, had missed a train connection and could not appear until a later hour. A splendid substitute was found in Dr. R. C. Campbell, the secretary of missions in Texas. After calling attention to the revival spirit that is in the thinking of people—the Baptists of both north and south, and will be the dominate note in the approaching Baptist World Alliance—Dr. Campbell declared "We are here to get ready." Two things were pointed out as needful in the getting us ready. The first is the endowment of the spirit who came to give power and who will give this power to the life wholly surrendered to him. The second is a sense of the need of making Christ the center of all our thoughts and activities. Columbus discovered a new continent said Dr. Campbell but it took God to discover the sinful condition of the human heart and it is Christ only who delivers from this condition. It was Abraham Lincoln and Wilberforce who liberated from physical and civil bondage but it is Christ who breaks the shackles of spiritual bondage. It was Burbanks, the "Plant Wizard," who took the wild rose of the field and transformed it to the beautiful species that adorns the garden of the florist of today but it is Christ who takes the sin-wrecked life and transforms it into a jewel for his crown. If the blessing of God is upon the preaching it must be Christ centered, emphasized Dr. Campbell.

The evening session of the first day was in a large measure given to a further consideration of prayer, the greatest need in every revival effort and in the exercise of this privilege much time was spent.

The appearance of brother D. A. (Scotchie) McCall was a delight to the conference, it being among his first since his recent election as our state mission secretary. He spoke earnestly on some of the objectives in evangelism. Dr. W. R. White of Oklahoma City, who spoke at this hour was late reaching the conference owing to the airplane in which he was traveling having been stranded at Shreveport and the trip from that point was made in a car. His message was on the Great Commission, laying special emphasis on "Go." We are to go and make disciples; to marshal these made disciples; and to mature these made and marshalled disciples. We are derelict if the disciples are not baptized into the fellowship of the churches and equally so if the newly baptized converts are not trained and brought to maturity in the Master's service. It was a clear presentation of the mission of the follower of the Lord Jesus in the world.

The torrential rain of yesterday and last night and the lowering clouds had given place to a shining sun on the second day of the conference

and a better spirit prevailed. The program opened with Dr. L. G. Gates presiding and brother W. W. Grafton leading in the singing of the old gospel songs and hymns in which the assembling crowd joined heartily.

The message of brother N. D. Timmerman in the prayer hour was a plea that the Holy Spirit may be allowed to possess and lead in the midst of the sinful age and world in which we are to live and work.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb in the introduction to his message said that the evangelistic program that is now being projected by Southern Baptists is a great opportunity; first from the standpoint of territory, it being an effort to reach with the gospel not only the entire Southland but the entire world. And then from the standpoint of need. The world is in great need of the message that Southern Baptists alone have. The message he brought was based on Gen. 45:24, "See that ye fall not out by the way." It was an impassioned plea to the Baptist preachers of Mississippi to stand together in every way in this hour of opportunity. That there be no bickering, strife, or envy and that there be no failure to pray one for the other.

Several reasons were assigned as to why there shall be no falling out by the way. First because they have bread. Just as Joseph's brethren were going back with their sacks full of corn so we have been entrusted with the bread of life with which to feed a famishing world. Second because we have the message that will save men from sin. "If we do not believe the message we preach we might as well take out," said Dr. Holcomb with great emphasis. Third, because our message is one of joy. It is that over which men may and should rejoice as they do over nothing else.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who failed in his place on the program of yesterday because of missing a connection was present this morning and brought a message on "Letting Down The Net." It was largely a charge of failure in the matter of winning the lost to the Saviour, pointing out that there are even many churches in the South in which there were no meetings held nor conversions during the past year. As individuals we have not been as diligent and faithful in winning the lost as we might have been. So many opportunities have been ours in which we failed. The automobile, the telephone, and the telegraph may be and should be used to reach the lost declared Dr. Scarborough. Following the stirring message a conviction of the sin of failure seemed to seize every one that gave expression in a hand clasp of life to the great task of winning the lost.

The address of Dr. W. R. White at this time that carried a confession and pledge of a rededication was upon the power of the Spirit in witnessing for Jesus. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost on the early disciples was that they might have power and this power was to be exercised in witnessing for the Master, emphasized the speaker. The testimony will be effective only when the one bearing the testimony is empowered by the spirit who dwells within.

The prayer hour of this session was directed by brother J. W. Lee who substituted for brother J. W. Walker. Brother Lee emphasized the importance of prayer by citing the fact that Jesus prayed. The chief end of the bestowments of God's blessings upon us in our revival efforts is not for own personal good nor for the salvation of the lost, however important these are, but for the glory of the Lord Jesus. It was urged that we not wait for the meeting to be held in our churches but that we begin now.

For a great revival there must be some preparation and brother L. W. Ferrell pointed out in a forceful way some things that must enter into this preparation. Among these and one of the most essential is prayer. The pastor must be revived or in other words the pastor must have the meeting upon his heart and there is a preparation on the part of the people. Their hearts must be right and in a state of expectation. A religious census was mentioned as one of the needful things in preparing for a revival that the prospects may be located.

"Fishers of Men" was the topic of Dr. M. E.

Dodd's message, Fishing for men is the first and best and paramount thing for us all. When the Lord wants anything done he makes it worthwhile for it to be done. The fishing of the Christian for those in sin is worthwhile because it is commercial, it is good sport, and it is for food argued Dr. Dodd. It is the business of the Christian to be a commercial salesman, selling wares of inestimable value. To be a good salesman in the commercial world four things are essential which are equally applicable in the sphere of religion. There must be the right approach, the attention must be secured, the interest must be aroused and the name must be secured on the dotted line. The successful soul winner is he who can so approach as to interest and when won must lead him into the church. We have no right to claim them won unless they unite with the church. In other words we can string only the fish which are caught. Some get pleasure or sport from the things of the world but the greatest joy that can come into a life comes of having won some one to Christ. It is food that satisfies in the highest degree reasoned Dr. Dodd.

The second message of Dr. Scarborough in the evening session of the second day of the conference was on the text: "And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come," Acts 2:1. Pentecost was used by Dr. Scarborough in the sense of a revival that came to the early disciples. It was urged as the greatest need of the followers of Christ today. The world's sinful condition is depicted and this condition calls for a remedy. Many things have been tried as remedies but only with the conditions growing worse. Why not try a Pentecostal Revival? asked Dr. Scarborough. Some things were pointed out as characterizing Pentecost and as essential for its realization. The Bible Pentecost came as a result of prayer and so must one today. The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples at Pentecost and He will come upon us if we have a great revival. The right kind of preaching, preaching of Christ as the only Saviour from sin, is the kind that will produce a revival when we experience a New Testament Pentecostal revival we will come to see men lost in sin with the compassion with which Jesus saw them. Are we ready for it? Are we willing to pay the price of it? Are we good enough to receive it and will the Lord trust us with it? enquired Dr. Scarborough out of earnest heart.

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CATHOLIC ENCROACHMENTS

According to press dispatches on Sunday, Feb. 19, 1939, the United States' Consul at Naples welcomed the Catholic cardinals from America who had just arrived by boat on their way to Rome to participate in the election of a new pope. The dispatches indicate that the Consul was acting in his official capacity, and if so, in our opinion, he was clearly violating a well-established American principle. As we see it, he had no right whatever to give any official recognition to any religious group, and we have an idea that if the President of the Baptist World Alliance should visit Rome and make the trip by way of Naples, that he would receive no recognition from the American consul located at that place.

The above is an instance of Catholic encroachment, which has become more and more prominent in recent years, and particularly in recent months. An effort is now being made, according to other press reports, to have the Catholic parochial schools in America, from the elementary to the university, classified as agents of public service, and as such, to have a claim on public funds for support, which is another instance of Catholic encroachment. We think the time has come to express opposition to what appears to be an unwarranted leaning of our government towards Catholic recognition and support.

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W. M. U. CONVENTION—APRIL 4-6

The Clarksdale Baptist church and friends, are looking forward with eagerness to April 6-8, when the State Convention of the W. M. U. convenes in our little city.

We feel that God is bestowing on us a precious blessing in the privilege of entertaining this gathering of choice workers, knowing that the inspiration of this convention will be the greatest uplift that our church and community has ever had.

Loving, prayerful preparations are going forward for a glorious convention, all for His honor and glory.

Mrs. Y. E. Howell, 107 Yazoo, is the gracious chairman of the Homes Committee, and as early as practical, we hope the names of all delegates expecting to attend, will be sent to her.—Clarksdale W. M. U.

We have received for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering through February 28th \$13,633.47. We are confident there is still more to come in because of reports that have been sent. Please take note and if you have not sent in your gleanings, do so at once.

This week has been largely spent in making up the annual reports for the year 1938. We are happy to announce that we did make the 10 per cent increase in our giving for the Golden Jubilee Year. We also made it in the new organizations. How we praise Him for this victory.

The last quarter of 1938, 65 per cent of the W. M. S. sent in reports. This is much better than we have averaged for several quarters. The following associations were 100 per cent—every society reporting: Leflore, Madison, Noxubee, Oktibbeha and Winston. There were five associations in which all except one society reported. They are as follows: Clay, Kemper, Montgomery, Newton and Tallahatchie.

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Yazoo City
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Morgan City
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Corinth First

Calvary, Tupelo
Zion (Pontotoc Association)
New Albany
Weir
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Lumberton
Hopewell
New Hebron

G. A.'s

Vicksburg First
Cruger
Durant
Center Terrace, Jr., Canton
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R. A.'s

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Greenwood First
Walnut
Chalybeate
Shubuta

Sunbeams

Clinton
Indianola
Sumner
Okolona
Ackerman
41st Avenue, Meridian

Pastor Pierce of Crystal Springs writes that on the first day of their church revival, Sunday, the Lord manifested his presence among them in convicting power. His Bulletin says that while February is usually the hardest month financially, the offerings of this February exceeded the budget, and a larger number of people are giving than ever before. Brother Pierce says, the Evangelistic Conference at Clinton was one of the greatest spiritual feasts he ever attended.

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By R. L. BRELAND

A SUNNY AFTERNOON

Some afternoons are sunny and some are dismal. So it is with life. The nature of life's afternoon is usually governed by what its morning has been.

Over at Forest, Miss., I have two dear friends, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, whose afternoon is sunny because of a life well spent for God. A recent letter from them cheered my heart and helped me to bear my trials.

Brother Thompson was at one time pastor of Coffeeville Baptist Church and married his good wife while there. But I knew him best and learned to love him while he was pastor at Newton, Miss. He has ever been loyal to his calling and to the word of God. His wife has been a wonderful helper in his pastoral work.

Among other things he said in his letter: "We had to give up the pastorate for physical reasons but we are as comfortable and happy as the average couple. We own our own home which is just across the street from our married daughter . . ." It is hard to lay down the shovel and the hoe and no longer dig in the fertile soil nor watch the vegetation grow nor eat bread by your own honest toil. 'Tis hard to lay down your sharpened sword and sit idly in the camp while the on-going conquering horde go tramp, tramp, tramp. By the rhythmic beat of their drums, by the Holy watchword, 'Thy Kingdom Come.'

But 'tis right; 'tis fair to hand it to those who care, do and dare. So be quiet, my soul to the end of the days.

Oh! you can stand on the side line and shout hurrah, whooray!

These lines have been a comfort to us.

What a beautiful spirit, what a sunny afternoon. Blessings on you, dear friends.

Rev. C. S. Thomas has located on a small farm four miles north of Grenada. But he is still active in the pastorate. He preaches at Derma, Calhoun County, two Sundays in the month, at Duck Hill, Montgomery County, one Sunday and Elliott, Grenada County, one Sunday. He was pastor of Itta Bena Baptist Church for several years. He proposes to do missionary work in needy places. He is one of our good preachers.

My heart was cheered by a visit from four beloved preacher brothers recently: Elders J. W. Lee, W. E. Lee, L. J. Crumby and W. R. Storie. They were on their way to the Conference at Clinton. It made me hungry to attend. I know of none better than these.

Dr. I. W. Bush of North Carrollton was in to see me recently. He and his good wife and son were some of my faithful members when I was pastor of North Carrollton Baptist Church some years ago. Good friends are better than gold. Mrs. J. H. Williams of the same church, a very active member along with her five girls, was also a visitor. These are the salt of the earth.

Several years ago a little country girl from a poor but honorable family, came to Grenada hospital to take training to be a nurse. She had a hard time of it, but she had the determination and went on to graduation. She took the state examination and was given work in the hospital and now she is head nurse and on the lecture force to the nurses in training. This little girl was Irene Hendrix. Now, Mrs. Ford, I relate this to encourage other ambitious girls. You can be what you want to be if you are willing to put forth the effort.

Rev. J. L. Henderson of Pontotoc celebrated his 95th birthday anniversary recently. His children and a few intimate friends of the family were present. He is remarkably active for his age. He has led a very active life in the ministry and now at sunset all is peace. He is the father of Rev. E. R. Henderson, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Grenada. Blessings on him.

A message from Mrs. J. L. Viverette of Neshoba says: "We were at Philadelphia Sunday night and heard your son, Clyde, preach. We enjoyed it very much. He looks and preaches so much like you that it seemed as if we had heard you." It also brought the news that my dear old friend, "Uncle" Nat Gully, age 88, is seriously ill, needs an operation but too old to undergo it. May he recover. These are some of the good members of Neshoba Baptist Church.

When you read this the writer may have made a change in location, from Grenada hospital to another, which I will tell you about later. Keep on praying for me. The Lord is going to restore my health I feel sure. I will give my address later and ask that you send me an occasional card or letter giving the news. God bless you.

He: "When I talk, people listen with their mouths open."

She: "Oh, are you a dentist?"

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W. A. HANCOCK

Life's most glorious adventure for the Christian came to our friend and brother through the years, Warner A. Hancock, Thursday morning, February 16, and he crossed the great divide at about ten o'clock in his home at 4002 Avenue H, Austin. His wife and their children and grandchildren, with a group of intimate friends, were at the bedside.

Services were held from the First Baptist Church Friday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by his pastor and assisted by his former teacher and comrade, Dr. Jeff D. Ray, of the faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Brother Hancock went to Mississippi College with his family in 1908, shortly after surrendering to the call of the Lord to preach, giving up his business connection and receiving his education where he had left off in his youth, and was graduated with his Bachelors degree in 1914. After spending a year or two in the service of the college he entered the Southwestern Seminary from which he was graduated with the Master of Theology degree in 1918. As his services were in demand by his college upon graduation, so also were they by the Seminary. So from 1918 to 1931 he served the Seminary as superintendent of the Students Practical Activities department and assistant to the president. In 1931 he returned to Mississippi College as secretary of the Alumni Association, where he remained until February, 1935, at which time he accepted the call of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the District Board of District 15 to serve as missionary, in which position he served faithfully and successfully to the day of his illness and homegoing.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Bell, Miss Lottie Hancock, and one son, Warner Junior, also his son-in-law, J. B. Bell and the Bell grandchildren, J. B. Jr., Tommie and Jack.

Brother Hancock was devoted to his Lord and the gospel ministry; to his home and family; and to his church and Christian friends everywhere. He made friends easily and always remembered them.

Dr. Ray in speaking of his life and ministry used the scripture text, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Psa. 37:23. He spoke at length of his personal fellowship with and appreciation for brother Hancock—as a student and later as a colleague in the service of the Seminary; of his honor and integrity, his kind and affectionate Christian character, and of the blessings and benefactions of his life on Seminary Hill.

His ministry as District Missionary for District 15 has been marked by progress from year to year. He came to us as our first district

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missionary. His work has been foundational, constructive, and forward looking. His first year showed a phenomenal improvement in the number of churches enlisted in denominational support, as well as a corresponding increase in the amount of money given for denominational causes. And each year thereafter has shown a substantial and encouraging increase. He established the act that District Missions in Central Texas from the viewpoint of the denomination is a success. He planned to devote the major portion of his time during 1939, with the cooperation of the several associations in the district, to demonstrating that District Missions from the viewpoint of the local association can be just as successful.

Brother Hancock was our fellow student in College and Seminary. He was a brother beloved and devoted friend. He was a kindred spirit in every interest of the Lord's work. In the work of district missions it was our joy to share with him many hours and miles of traveling, and to have his counsel and fellowship in the First Baptist Church where he was a loyal member. We shall miss him along the road ahead, and his radiant smile amid the sunshine and shadows of life.—S. G. Posey, Pastor, First Church, Austin.

Perpetual Motion: A short-sighted man lost his hat in a strong wind and chased it.

"What are you doing there?" a woman asked from a nearby cottage. "Getting my hat," he replied.

"Your hat," exclaimed the woman. "That's our black hen you're chasing!"—Pearson's.

There was a frantic call for a doctor. "Hurry over to our cottage, doctor, everybody here has something the matter with his eyes."

"It must be serious if you wake me up at this time of the night. What's the trouble? Do they see elephants and snakes and things?"

"No, sir, that's why I called. The room is full of them and I am the only one who can see them."

Women Queried In 12 States

While so many women are talking about the results of the CARDUI query begun a few weeks ago, the Reporters go on questioning women in other states. Of 1297 CARDUI users visited in twelve Southern cities, 93 percent declared they were benefitted by CARDUI! In Jacksonville the percent was 99! CARDUI is a good stimulator for lagging appetites, and a potent aid to digestion and assimilation. That's the reason its proper use enables so many women and girls to build up physical resistance and thus help avoid periodic pain and disturbances of functional dysmenorrhea due to malnutrition.

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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for March 12, 1939
PREVAILING PRAYER FOR
PETER

Acts 12:1-17

Introduction. Read this story till you can tell it without the omission of any details. Now, if you want really to know the lesson, tell the story to a kiddy, little girl or little boy, till you make the eyes of the kiddie dance with interest. Tell it to your own kiddie, and if you have none, borrow one and tell it to him or her. If you do not get the interest of the kid, you do not yet know the story. This is a story! Brood over the details of it and the full scope of it till it gets you where you live.

Here persecution in all its bitterness strikes the church. The scene of our latest lesson was in Caesarea by the sea, and the scene is now in Jerusalem. Herod Agrippa, grandson of Herod the Great, was in need of an issue, something he might use to win him popularity with the Jews. He was a skillful politician, aware that on account of the Edomite blood in his veins, the Jews were by no means favorably inclined to him. Learning of the deep animosity of the Jewish leaders to the followers of the new sect of the Nazarene, Herod recognized a chance to win popularity with the Jews. As a feeler-out of the public temper he put forth his hand and slew James the brother of John. The Jewish leaders voiced their approval of this action, and this voice of approval gave Herod his cue.

I. Incarceration. Acts 12:3-6.

Herod Agrippa caused the arrest and imprisonment of Peter. The arrest and imprisonment of a man in those days meant something far more serious than it means today. The Roman law knew three penalties: fine, exile, and death. Men were put into prison to await trial. After trial, they were kept in prison only to await the execution of the death penalty. To be cast into prison was a very serious matter then. And Peter was cast into prison to be kept till after the feast, when he was to be put to death.

Peter had once told the Lord that he was willing to go to prison and to death for Him, and now he seems in a good way to go to death as he had already gone to prison. When Peter told the Lord that he was willing to go to prison, he meant it, though his moral courage did afterward for a time fail. Well, how much are you and I willing to tell the Lord that we will do for Him?

Anyway, Peter was in jail, with no friend of any influence with the powers that were to help him out of the trouble. Poor fellow had no pull and he had no pelf. I suppose he prayed, but I doubt if he knew the church was praying for him.

II. Intercession. Acts 12:5.

"Prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him." That was intercessory prayer, prayer made on behalf of another. Earnest

prayer is faithful prayer, prayer made in the confidence that God can and will answer his children. What though they did not know what answer He would send? They had faith to believe that He would answer and that the answer would be such as a gracious God would send.

An hour since, I preached on the subject, "How to Get What You Want," and it was just an ordinary sermon on prayer. To say to God, "Father, I will thy will," is to have the Father answer, "Very well, my child, have now thy way." Tell Him He may have His way with you, and He will let you have your way with Him. Beg Him to bless your friend, beg Him sincerely to bless your friend, and He will do that right up to the measure of His ability, and that limited only by the capacity of your friend to receive.

The helpless went to Him who was and is their help, and they earnestly besought Him for their friend. They got an answer they did not expect, one that was ever so much better than they had dared ask for. Is it ever thus? It is, if we have eyes to see and recognize the good.

III. Intervention. Acts 12:6-10.

See now the situation of Peter. "When he (Herod) had taken him (Peter) he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quarternions of soldiers to guard him," V. 4. Peter is not only in jail behind that formidable iron gate, but he was under the constant scrutiny of four soldiers. A detail of sixteen soldiers was assigned to the duty of keeping this one man safe, and his guard of four men was changed with every watch of six hours, so that the whole sixteen was on guard by fours every twenty-four hours. How is one lone man to escape the clutches of that numerous a guard? His fellow Christians did not think he would escape it. Their brother James had but lately suffered death at the hands of the same authority which now held Peter, and his brethren met to pray that he might have the consolation of the presence of the Spirit in the prison, and might bear a faithful testimony in his death.

But our Father gave the praying Christians a far more gracious answer than they had dared hope for. Not even Peter had hoped for this answer. He was asleep when it came, and could not believe his own eyes while it was being given.

Is there anything too hard for God? Nay, is there anything too hard for God's people when they turn the difficulty over to God? I make no doubt they did that, just took their hands off the whole matter and told God to do as He pleased with it.

The angel of God slapped Peter gently on the side, caught and shook him, no doubt, and whispered to him, "Peter! Peter!" And Peter, only partly aroused from sleep, answered drowsily, "Well, what is it?" "Get up right now." Who do you suppose Peter thought was talking to him? I wish I knew. My guess is that he had a very vague idea. But he knew somebody was telling him to get up, and that was to do something, and Peter had been the man to do something, so he got up, and as he did so, the chains fell off

his arms. "Buckle your belt and tie your shoes on, quick." "I can't imagine who this is, but he wants me to get out of here, and I can't go to any place worse than a death cell, and that's where I am now, so here goes: have at it, Peter."

The voice of that angel to Peter was the voice of God. Peter did not know it, but you and I have been just that stupid, and worse. Many a time, God has spoken to us and we have neither recognized His voice nor stirred to obey it. Peter started to obey in a thing he could not do. He couldn't get up from between two soldiers while he was bound to them without picking them both up. Wait a minute! God was talking to him, and when he went about doing what God told him, he was able to do it. God said, "Do what you can't do!" Peter tried it, and God saw that Peter did the thing impossible.

"Come on, now." Peter just followed along, a step at a time. Of course he did! That is all the way you can walk anywhere, a step at a time; but you and I want to be able to go a couple of miles at a time, and we get all discouraged because God does not show us all the way open from the beginning. On they went out by the soldiers before the door, and up to the big iron gate in the wall of the jail. "Like to know how you are going to get around that thing. It is so big I doubt if we could open it, even if it were unlocked." Just come you on Peter, we are not quite up to the gate yet, and when we get there it will then be early enough to worry about the gate. They did not worry about it after they got to it, because it no longer barred the way.

You ever have an experience like that? "Like to know how we are to cross that stream; no bridge, not even a footlog, and the flood is a half mile wide." Then you got up to the stream and saw that it had dried up. That is in the Bible, too. A lot of people wanted to cross the river to get over where they had started, and the river was up high, out of its banks. But their Lord said, "Go on down to the river, and let the religious leaders lead you as you go." So they went, and when they got to where the floods had rolled, there was no water there, not even any mud.

So the iron gate "opened to them of its own accord." I thought at first maybe Luke was mistaken about that, and that the Mighty God had unlocked that gate and pushed it open, but there stood Luke's statement, and I had said I believed that God saw to it that Luke told the truth. Then all at once, I saw it, and I said, "Of course, He caused it to open, but it opened by itself, just as He said. If He had willed it, that old gate would have burst into bloom all over with half blown roses and fragrant cape jasmine blossoms and honeysuckles."

And the angel walked along with Peter for the space of one city block and, when Peter was well awake and on his way, no longer needing the presence of the angel, suddenly he was alone. And Peter said to himself, "I know what I am talking about now. That man who was with me just now was the angel of the Lord, and he was sent to de-

liver me from Herod and all these mad Jews. I better go to Mark's house and tell his folks about this."

IV. Independence.

There is nothing else in the world quite as consoling as the realization of freedom after one has been enslaved for a season. To some people enforced activity or inactivity is more irksome than to others. Think of what it must have meant to a nature like that of Peter to be shut up to an inactive existence. Think of what it must have meant to him to feel himself suddenly free to go where he pleased again. So he hurried along toward the home of John Mark, breathing again the air of freedom, feeling the exhilaration of independence of movement.

V. Incredulity. Acts 12:13-16.

Some one was knocking at the door. The door opens right out onto the city street, and if anyone bangs the door very hard, the hollow sound bounds across the street and crashes

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Thursday, March 9, 1939

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The Assembly

The Mississippi Baptist Assembly meets at the Woman's College, Hattiesburg, July 3-8. A splendid program is being arranged for that week and we have the information from the college authorities that the same reasonable rates will apply this year as in former years.

A feature that is being worked in the daily program this time that we have not had before is a special Bible teaching and study for the pastors. There has been a pastors' conference each day in former years, but not a distinctive study period of the Bible as this will be. The teacher for this period each day of that will be Dr. E. F. Haight, of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, one of our greatest Bible expositors.

Pastors, mark this date on your calendar and plan to get the benefits of this very rare treat under the direction of Dr. Haight.

Free

The Sunday School Board, through its executive secretary, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, is giving a free copy of "How to Win to Christ" to any pastor who will agree to teach it or have it taught in his church this year.

This book is one on Evangelism, and is in the regular course of study for Sunday school work, and credit is given for the completion of it. This offer for the free book holds for only a very limited time now. If you want one, write the state Sunday school secretary and he will have one mailed to you.

Cleveland High

The Sunday school at Cleveland, Dr. I. D. Eavenson, pastor, and Judge R. E. Jackson, superintendent, recently reached an all-time high record of attendance. Our heartiest congratulations to all! They are greatly in need of additional space, and a lot adjoining the church has recently been bought and paid for. The church has no debt now.

April

April is Sunday school study course month with the Evangelistic, Doctrinal, and Diploma books getting the special emphasis. Plan now for yours and let's make April the greatest month for training.

Standards and Grades

"The teacher's attitude is reflected in the pupil's. If the teacher works toward attaining the standard as a goal or program of work, not to be standard simply with recognition but through a desire to do the best work and accomplish the most, that teacher can lead the pupils to have the same ideals. The same may be said in regard to 100 per cent grades. Emphasis here should be placed upon the individual record rather than the class. The idea should be to improve one's own record rather than outstripping some one else's."

"ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE" A True Story from China

Shanghai, China—In a tiny hovel not far from the headquarters of the Japanese naval landing party, a father and son crouched side by side on the floor through the long hours of the night. At four o'clock that afternoon—August 13th—the big guns had commenced their deadly work at Shanghai. The noise was ear-splitting, for shells were bursting only a few hundred yards away. Though there were no windows in their tiny hut, the little lad kept his eyes tightly closed to shut out the flashes which lit the sky in quick succession and penetrated the cracks of their door. With every explosion the face of the child blanched with fear and he clung still closer to his father's side.

It was not without reason that they feared the booming of the guns. Five years before, when little Chang-ken (Long-root) was not yet six, their humble home had been destroyed by a bomb intended for the North Station and the 19th Route Army entrenched there. By some strange freak of fate, he and his older brother had escaped unscathed only to find their mother dead among the ruins. Small wonder the little fellow clung almost frantically to his father as the shells burst nearer and nearer.

Chang-ken had been alone that afternoon when he heard the first rattle of machine guns. He rushed out at once to seek his father and beg him to flee. But it was almost dusk when he found him and, though he wept bitterly, his father said they could not go now. It was too late. They must go back home and find his brother, and wait until daylight. They would all leave together in the morning.

But at their door a neighbor told him that he had seen Cheng-ken's brother killed by Japanese bullets when he was coming home along the street, about an hour before. The father listened motionless. Chang-ken's tears flowed once more. Again he pleaded with his father to run away. But the neighbor pointed out that it was dark. No one was allowed on the street at night and they could not go far without running the risk of being shot.

The father's heart was torn in two. Since the death of his wife, he had been both father and mother to his sons. He had given up his well-paid job on the little river steamer that he might be at home with them and care for them. He found it difficult to get other work and finally started to sell papers on the street. It was not much of a living, but his elder son helped, and between them they managed to get along. Now his son was taken,—the second victim of this horrible thing called war. Fear gripped his heart. It might take his only remaining child too! He must flee! Early in the morning before the sun was up, they would rise and make their escape to the Settlement. The gates would not be open until after daylight and it would take them the best part of an hour to get there. It might take even longer, for they would not dare to walk along the main streets where the invaders had machine gun posts.

Still Clasp His Dead Father's Hand

So all through the night they lay side by side, waiting for the dawn. From time to time the child dozed off only to wake with a cry of fear, as a deafening crash followed a short lull. Just before daybreak, they crept out, and hand in hand, stealthily they made their way across Dixwell Road. Suddenly they dropped to the ground as a shell screamed overhead. There was a terrible explosion, and the laddie knew no more till he woke to consciousness in the Lester hospital. He had been picked up some time later by members of the Fire Brigade who found him, with wounds in his head and legs, lying among the debris of the demolished building in front of which they had fallen. The child was still clasping the hand of his dead father.

Chang-ken was well cared for in the hospital, but it was months before his wounds healed. Every bed was needed for the sick, so when he was better they sent him to a refugee camp. He had loved the hospital with its kind nurses and doctors, but in the camp he felt lost among the hundreds of strange people who seemed to hive off into the little family groups. No one was responsible for him. He was still terribly nervous. One day an inspector noticed him and decided he was much too young to remain alone in the camp. Very soon he transferred him to a children's home of the Child Welfare Association.

How happy he was to be with the other children and to be cared for once more. He quickly learned to read and write. When last I saw him he was smiling as he helped to turn the tiny mill which grinds the soybeans into the milk which the children drink each day with such relish.

Contributor's note: One dollar in the hands of Southern Baptist missionaries in China saves the life of a child for a month.

G. A. FOCUS WEEK AT SALLIS

On Sunday morning we were given special recognition by the pastor.

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He also gave us about fifteen minutes of his time from the service at which time we rendered the following program with Cassie Sanders, president, presiding.

Our G. A. Song—by all; Prayer—by pastor; History of the G. A.—Edna Mae Gunter; Watchword—all (standing); Our Colors and Pin—Frances Morgan; Star Ideals—by five girls; The Allegiance—Claudene Boyette; The Name of Our G. A.—Betty Jean Smith.

A very interesting, inspiring talk on present conditions and needs of China. An offering was then made in behalf of the refugees there.

Friday we studied about and checked upon the standard of excellence chart and made final plans for the following day.

Saturday, the last day, but by all means not the least we each carried a lunch and two cars of happy girls were on their way to Mrs. Burrell's, our Associational Mission Study chairman, to study the book, "Five Times Ten."

After a full day of study, play and refreshments galore, each girl returned to her home. Much happier than when she left.

The girls of Sallis are truly looking forward with great joy to G. A. Focus Week again. We enjoyed every moment of it!—Mrs. G. W. Smith, Counselor.

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MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

My Dear Children:

Not many days ago I heard the colored woman who helps in a home not so far away say a simple thing but so full of sense that I'll pass it on to you. The man of the house was all tired out and worried with something he was trying to do. Half in disgust and half in a joke he said, "This thing is too much trouble. I'm going to quit fooling with it, wouldn't you, Lula?" To which the black smiling Lula merely replied, "Naw-suh. Anything you does what's wuth doin' is bound to be trouble." Wasn't she saying the truth? Anything worth while is trouble, if by that we mean thought and care and effort. If anything is worth doing at all, it is worth working at. Everything we want costs something: not just in dollars and cents but often in something more valuable than money. The easy things that we do are seldom the most valuable. The hard things are those that are really worth while. Is it hard for you to practice your music, just to sit on the piano stool and play those scales and exercises over and over again? If it is, try to remember that that is the only way to learn to play the piano so as to give pleasure to yourself and others. How about that arithmetic? Even if it does take study and figuring, it's worth it. No man gets to be a good doctor without years of hard work. No young woman becomes a trained nurse without first spending time in study and training. Everything that is valuable or really worth while is "bound to be trouble."

No sooner did you receive that little postscript asking for answers to the puzzles than you began to send them in. I'm delighted with your response. One friend even sent them for several weeks back. I really wanted to know if you cared for the puzzles. Now I know that some of you, at least, do.

We also have more letters from our circle members this week, too. This is a satisfaction to me as well as to you. Mrs. Tabor of Gloster sends a dollar from the Junior department to be used on the J. E. Byrd memorial. I don't believe it could go to a better cause than to this orphanage building named in honor of brother Byrd. We are grateful to her and to the junior boys and girls of her church. "A friend" from New Hebron sends a gift of a dollar in her pleasant letter. We appreciate this as well as the puzzle answers which she sent. Hettie Ruth Wolfe is a new-comer to the circle. She was concerned about her father who was in the hospital when she wrote, but we trust he is greatly improved now. Another new member is Mavis Francis Gorden who is growing up fast! We welcome her to our number. We also have a letter and a gift from our "Same friend" of Gloster. She has been neglecting us recently and we are glad that she has returned. Just a note from Mrs. Traylor, but we are very thankful because she remembers us and our two causes. There is a little girl in Sterlington, La., who is too young to write a letter but some of her relatives want her to have a part in our gifts to the orphanage and the B. B. I. scholarship, so they have given us five dollars as Alice Jo Lipsey's contribution to these. We appreciate this and are delighted to add Alice Jo's name to our list.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

BIBLE STORY

The Coming of the Holy Spirit to the Disciples.
(Read Acts 2.)

When the day of Pentecost, the feast of the harvest, was come, the

disciples were all met together in one place. Suddenly, they heard a sound like the roar of a great wind storm, which filled the room where they were. Then they saw what seemed to be flames of fire, in the shape of tongues, and one of these tongues rested on the head of each one of these one hundred and twenty disciples. The Holy Spirit had come upon them as Jesus had promised and they began to speak in other languages such as they had never understood before. The Holy Spirit made them able to do this so that people of other countries could understand them when they told about Jesus, for many from great distances and of different languages were in Jerusalem because it was the time of the feast of Pentecost.

All over the city, they had heard the rushing mighty sound, and the people had hastened to see where and what it was. They were amazed at what they saw and heard. They could not understand how these men who had always lived in Galilee could speak these languages which they had never been taught. Others mocked and said that the disciples were drunk. Then Peter stood with the others and preached his first sermon. He said "These men are not drunken as you suppose, but God has sent His Holy Spirit upon them. Therefore, listen, men of Israel: Jesus, of Nazareth, who did great miracles among you, which showed that God had sent Him, you took and wickedly put to death. But God raised Him from the dead. We, his apostles, have seen Him since He arose. He is now at the right hand of God, the Father. Therefore, you, and all the children of Israel, may know that this Jesus whom you crucified is the Savior that was to come into the world."

When the Jews heard these words they were filled with sorrow for what they had done and they asked "What shall we do?" Peter answered "Repent of your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ." Great numbers believed on the Lord Jesus, so that three thousand were baptized that day.

Gloster, Miss.,
Feb. 25, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele;
Enclosed is another dollar (\$1.00) from my Juniors. We want this to go on the J. E. Byrd memorial. There will be more each month. We read the appeals in the Baptist Record and try to contribute to whatever cause our "mite" is needed most. We wish it might be larger than it is.

Sincerely,

Mrs. R. R. Tabor,
Junior S. S. Dept.

Mrs. Tabor, the continued gifts from this fine department are a great encouragement. Please thank every boy and girl for us who had a part in this.—F.L.S.

Feb. 23, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele;

This quiet beautiful morning (although cold) makes me want to do things to help carry on. I have just finished filling out the puzzles. I enjoy the Children's Circle.

I am sending a dollar to be divided between the fund for our B. B. I. student and the Mrs. P. I. Lipsey memorial.

My mother is eighty-eight years old and has been in bed four months. Today reminds me of the "Beautiful Day." When I get blue and sad I just get my Bible and read the 91st Psalm.

"A Friend."

Thank you, our friend, for going to the trouble of filling out the answers to all these puzzles and sending them in. Thank you, too, for this gift which you send. There is

no better way of driving away the blues than by reading God's word, is there?—F.L.S.

Cascilla, Miss.,
Feb. 24, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele;

May I join the Children's Circle? I am a little girl eleven years old. I will be twelve on the twentieth of March. I go to the Asclamore Baptist Church. I am in the Intermediate class.

I read the Children's Circle every week and enjoy it fine. This is the first letter I have written to you. I would like to answer parts of the puzzle that is in the Record of Feb. 23, 1939. 1. Pillar of salt—Lot's wife. 2. Prison in Rome—Paul. 3. Girdle of camel's hair—John the Baptist. 4. Ladder—Jacob. 5. Rooster—Peter. 6.—7.—8. Ten plagues—Pharaoh. 9. Fiery furnace—3 or 4 Hebrew children. 10. Golden calf—Moses' brother. 11. Forbidden fruit—Adam and Eve. 12. Harp—David.

My daddy is in the hospital in Little Rock, Ark. I hope he will be home soon and with you and others prayers, I am sure he will.

I hope all the orphans are well and doing fine.

Yours truly,
Hettie Ruth Wolfe,

Hettie Ruth, we are delighted to have this letter from you and to have you as a member of the circle. The blanks in the puzzle are 6. Elijah and 7. Elisha. I'm glad you answered it and sent your answers in. We all join you in hoping that your father will soon be well.—F. L. S.

Shaw, Miss., Rt. 1,
Feb. 25, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele;

May I join the circle? I am a little girl ten years old. I go to Lynn Baptist Church and Sunday school. Since my birthday in January, I have been promoted to the Junior class in Sunday school and to the Junior G. A. It makes me feel more grown up.

I was reading the children's letters, and I decided to write for the first time to the circle. I enjoy reading the letters. I notice you have part of my name.

Your little friend,
Mavis Francis Gorden.

I wonder who you were named for. The Frances in my name was given to me because my grandmother was named Frances. Don't get grown up to fast, my dear. It does give one a good feeling to be promoted though, doesn't it? We hope you will write often.—F.L.S.

Gloster, Miss.,
Feb. 27, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele;

I'm sure you and others are thinking I have forgotten you, but I haven't. I just have not had anything to send, and this I am sending now is not much, but I hope to make it more next time.

It seems as if I am not the only one who has not been writing in. We want to do better from now on. I'm sure Miss McSween needs money and we must not let her down.

How many are glad that spring will soon be here? I, for one!

I'm still,

"The Same Friend."

P. S.—Is this the right answer to last week's puzzle? I did not look up one of them. 1. Lot's wife. 2. Paul. 3. John. 4. Jacob. 5. Peter. 6. Elijah. 7. Elisha. 8. Pharaoh. 9. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. 10. Aaron. 11. Adam and Eve. 12. David.

We are glad to hear again from our "same friend," and appreciate this contribution too. You are exactly right when you say we must not fail Miss McSween. The answers to the puzzle are correct, even if you did not look them up. Your memory is sufficient.—F.L.S.

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My dear Mrs. Steele;

You will find enclosed one dollar to be divided between the orphanage and our B. B. I. scholarship.

Your friend,

Mrs. E. B. Traylor.

This is a pleasant message which you send, Mrs. Traylor, though short. Thank you very much for the excellent help.—F.L.S.

PUZZLE

Answer the following with names of books in the Bible:

1. What does a young man do when out of employment?
2. An article of dress plus first letter of the alphabet.
3. What always goes with a wing?
4. For what are we all responsible?
5. What does a mathematician do most?
6. The signature of a person can't write.
7. What a chef does when making tea.
8. Old sayings.
9. Record of events.
10. One of a couple of radio comedians.
11. The names of two girls.
12. That which is revealed.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

1. Absalom.
2. Moses.
3. David.
4. Gideon.
5. Joseph.
6. Jonah.
7. Noah.
8. Mary of Bethany.
9. Daniel.
10. John the Apostle.

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The promise of:

The presence of Christ—Matt. 28:19-20.

Strength—Duet—33:25.

Comfort—John 14:16.

Life—John 14:19.

Prosperity—Psm. 84:11.

Forgiveness—I John 1:9.

A Heavenly Home—John 14:2.

Answered Prayer—John 15:7.

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Hickory Ridge Rankin Issues Challenge

A short time ago we had in the Baptist Record the statement that Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, was the only church in the state that issued more than 200 Training Union Study Course awards during the year 1938. They issued 302 and came ninth in the Southern Baptist Convention in the number issued, and fourth in the number based on a percentage of church membership. Hickory Ridge Church in Rankin county, saw this and so through their pastor, Rev. A. W. Talbert and director, Mrs. Edgar Mullican, are issuing a challenge to the "world" to beat them in the number of Training Union awards issued on a church member percentage basis for the year 1939. They have 106 members and have pledged themselves to be in the "over two hundred awards" group. Are you willing to accept that challenge? If so drop us a card. Lets have some fun in this friendly contest!

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Good Hope, Perry County, Sets Up Training Union With Four Units

Brother Clyde McArn, director of Perry County Associational Training Union reports a new Training Union at Good Hope Church. They start with four unions, a Story Hour, Junior, Senior and Adult. Thirty-nine members to begin with and prospects for others. They are planning to have a study course right away and thus let every officer and committee learn just what his opportunity is. Congratulations, Good Hope, and may your example be followed, rapidly, by all other churches that do not have a Training Union.

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Learned Starts Three Unions

Through brother E. T. Jenkins we learn of the organization of three unions at Learned. A Junior, Intermediate and Senior Union. We are glad to welcome these new Unions into the circle, and congratulate the church on their re-study of the Commission which includes the training of the church members.

Have You a Question to Ask?

Following is a list of questions that are often asked in Conferences. Is there one in the list that you would like to ask? If so drop us a card and list this with any others and we will be glad to help you if we can.

Conference Questions for Seniors

1. What is the aim of the Training Union?
2. What is the difference between the work of the Training Union and a S. S. class?
3. What is the distinctive emphasis of the Training Union?
4. What should be the attitude of the Deacons?
5. How many S. S. teachers and officers co-operate with the Training Union?

Organization. . . .

6. What is the ideal number for the membership of a Senior union?
7. What are active and associate members?
8. Should a nominating committee be appointed to recommend officers? Why?
9. Name the officers and committees and tell which officers are chairmen of each committee.
10. What is the purpose of committees?
11. Why use the group plan of organization?
12. What is the best way to divide into groups?

Senior Union at Work. . . .

13. What books and literature should the president use for preparation in his work?
14. What monthly magazine should be in the hands of every president?
15. How often should the president hold a business meeting of the Senior union?
16. How may the president build an A-1 union?
17. Should the president always preside at the weekly meetings?
18. What are the two duties of the vice-president?
19. What are the two classes of members in the BYPU?
20. How may new members be held in the Training Union?
21. Should the names of absentees ever be dropped from the rolls?
22. What is the official record system of the Training Union in the South?
23. How is the record of each individual secured?
24. How does the secretary make the blackboard report?
25. To whom should the secretary give the names of those not reading the Bible?
26. To whom should the secretary give the names of the absentees?
27. How does the secretary make up the quarterly report for the state secretary?
28. What correspondence does the corresponding secretary have with the state secretary?
29. What are the duties of the social committee? How is it formed?

30. What is Scriptural Giving?
31. How does the Training Union educate in Missions?
32. Should the Church finance the Training Union?
33. What is the purpose of music in the Training Union?
34. What are the qualifications of the chorister and pianist?
35. What are the duties of the Bible Readers' Leaders?
36. What is the weekly Bible Drill?
37. What methods are used to make the Bible readers' course a success?
38. What is the purpose of the Study Course?
39. In which month is the South-wide Study Course Week observed?
40. Why is a Training Union Library needed?
41. How build a library?
42. How may the group captains co-operate with the chairmen of committees?
43. Outline the Standard of Excellence and explain each point.
44. What is the Baptist Training Union?
45. Should all Baptist churches set up the Training Union? Why?
46. How may the senior union help establish BYPUs in other churches? How help weak churches?
47. Why is an Associational Training Union needed?
48. How organize an Associational Training Union?
49. What is meant by Districts? How determine the number in each Association?

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S. S. ATTENDANCE MARCH 5th	
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	783
Jackson, Daniels Church	103
Jackson, Van Winkle Church	107
Clinton Church	393
Crystal Springs Church	406
West Laurel Church	583
Pontotoc Church	233
New Albany Church	407
Brookhaven Church	648
Vicksburg, First Church	417
Oloh Church	123
Sharon Church, Jones Co.	87
Salem Church, Covington Co.	116
Springfield-Morton	150
Clarksdale Church	479
Utica Church	120
Meridian, First Church	603
Magnolia Church	170

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B. T. U. ATTENDANCE MARCH 5	
Jackson, Grif. Church	338
Jackson, Van Winkle Church	63
Jackson, Daniels Church	102
Crystal Springs Church	129
Eden Church	38
Spring Hill Ch., Copiah Co.	42
Utica Church	64
Clarksdale Church	150
Springfield Church	50
Sharon Church, Jones Co.	13
Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg	90
Oloh Church	125
Vicksburg, First Church	125
Brookhaven Church	170
New Albany Church	100
Pontotoc Church	47
Laurel, West Church	254
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SOUTHERN SEMINARY EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

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Keyed to the program of South-wide revival, the annual Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will be held during the week of March 6-10, Monday through Friday. The theme of the conference will be "Evangelism," and a great program has been arranged, as evidenced by the following features:

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Seminary and of the Southern Baptist Convention, will bring a series of lectures on the following topics:

"Regeneration's Primary Objective—Soul-Winning."

"Love's Expense Account in Evangelism."

"The Value of Christ's Example in Evangelism."

"The Terms of Power in Soul-Winning."

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Home Board superintendent of Evangelism, will speak on:

"Saving America to Save the World."

"The Church in the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Trends and Plans in Kingdom Building."

"The Modern Need for a Great God."

Dr. W. E. Woodbury, superintendent of Evangelism of the Northern Baptist Convention, will bring a series of addresses on:

"Sharing Christ with Others."

"The Broad Gauge Evangelism of Jesus."

"Fundamental Nature of Personal Evangelism."

"The Lost Sheep of the House of Israel."

Each afternoon, Tuesday through Friday, there will be an open forum on evangelism. Dr. Sampey will speak Monday evening.

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STATEWIDE EVANGELISTIC
CONFERENCE

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Dr. Dodd spoke against time, having to catch an airplane in Jackson following the service for Shreveport but he brought a great message on "The Centrality, Sufficiency and Supremacy of Christ." The Lord Jesus must be central and supreme in the life if he proves his sufficiency and he will if this is done, emphasized Dr. Dodd. He cited many evidences of the power of Jesus to save as observed on the mission fields he had visited, proving His all sufficiency. The preachers composing the conference were urged to make Him central and supreme in their preaching.

The prayer hour of the third day morning session led by brother G. E. Wiley was an unusually high-point. Departing from the usual order an opportunity was given for confession of Christ as a Saviour. In response brother E. C. Farr, Andrew like, brought a young man forward who had come with him to the conference and had been saved while here. Time was taken to give the hand of greeting and fellowship which gave the meeting more the appearance of a country-side protracted meeting than a gathering of preachers.

The presentation of some of the moral and spiritual prerequisites of a soul winner by brother C. E. Patch proved not only interesting but the occasion of heart-searching since the moral and spiritual characteristics of the minister are involved. To be an effective winner of the lost there must be cleanness of life from every viewpoint and spiritual mindedness in a high degree, emphasized brother Patch.

"God's Estimate of a Man" was the subject of another splendid address by Dr. Campbell. In computing this estimate three things were considered: (1) God saw much in us; (2) God has done much for us; and (3) God expects much from or of us.

The address of Dr. Scarborough was given largely to an urge that a definite organization be set up in every association in the state to promote the Southwide Evangelistic campaign and the reciting of evidences that the spirit of evangelism was getting hold of Baptists, not only of the South but even of the world.

Following this Dr. Scarborough in his impassioned way tried to give a picture of the soul sick with sin as Jesus saw it. It was emphasized that this vision of a lost soul must be gotten before we can have that passion that possessed the Lord Jesus, and before we can be great soul winners.

Another essential for the burning of evangelistic fires was brought out in an address by Dr. White which had not received special emphasis in the former address. This was an abhorrence of sin and a passion for righteousness on the text "Abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good." The wicked condition of the world was described and in this condition we find ourselves as ministers and Christian workers. If we make it better and save men out of this condition it will never be done by compromising with sin.

There must be such an abhorrence of sin as will express itself in not only abstinence from it but such an exercise of Christian manhood as will suppress and exterminate it.

Dr. R. B. Gunter in his address pointed out in a forceful way some difficulties to be encountered in these is (1) the lack of prayer; (2) bringing about a revival. Among prevailing sin; (3) lack of church discipline; (4) fear on the part of the preacher to cry out and to declare the whole counsel of God.

Dr. Campbell introduced his message with some cautions we need to have in our preparation for a revival: (1) That we do not fail to make the best preparation; (2) That we do not depend upon the mechanical preparation; (3) That we do not work up a fever for numbers rather than a passion for souls—quantity rather than quality; (4) That we do not take the protracted meeting this year as the completion of the work. It should be but a beginning; and (5) That we fear we will win more than we can take care of.

Dr. Campbell in his message properly emphasized some things that should characterize our preaching: (1) Earnestness; (2) Boldness, yet with love; (3) Sin in all its blackness; (4) Jesus as the only remedy yet a sure remedy for sin.

As the day wore on the clouds became more lowering and threatening and by the time of the assembling for the evening service the rain was falling but proved no serious hindrance for the auditorium was again full and overflowing into the balcony.

The message of Dr. White was brief but pointed, relative to the soul winner himself—his adorning. It was in the nature of a warning lest we as those whose mission it is to win the lost have something in the life that will mar and hinder. The tragedy of a sin marred and stained life of a Christian that stands in the way of a lost soul turning to the Lord Jesus was the burden of the message which will no doubt put every listener on his guard.

The three parables of Luke fifteen were used by Dr. Scarborough to picture the one lost in sin—the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost boy. The fearful condition of the one in sin was portrayed. Another is pictured in the parables which is God as a Father. In the shepherd,

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in the woman and in the father of the prodigal. God interested, anxious and seeking 'till the lost is found.

In this the closing session of the conference the attendance was somewhat diminished but an ample number was left to bring the meeting to a close even at high tide.

Brother Geo. P. White in conducting the prayer period reminded, by way of impressing them, of some of the things we need to remember and for which we need constantly to pray: (1) To confess our sins; (2) A revival; and (3) The shepherd heart.

Dr. W. R. White in his closing message spoke "Of What Christ Means To Me." He gave the following sermon outline from a noted English preacher, suggesting it might be adopted by the preachers present: (1) Jesus gives me a world in which I can afford to live; (2) Jesus gives me a self with which I can afford to live; (3) Jesus gives me a task for which I can afford to live; (4) Jesus gives me a future toward which I can afford to live.

He spoke hurriedly, having to catch an airplane in Jackson for Oklahoma City, but earnestly impressing several things the believer

has in Christ: (1) He is a wonderful and complete Saviour from sin; (2) He meets all needs both material and spiritual; and (3) He secures the future.

Brother D. A. (Scotchie) McCall gave an outline of the things which are planned and are being planned for the future. From these it is readily seen that we are after the apostolic order as set forth in Acts 5:42, "And daily in the temple and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Christ." Brother McCall declared there are seven objectives in this full program as follows: (1) To see that a meeting is held in every church; (2) To see that a meeting is held in every community where there is no church; (3) An effort to win at least one soul in these meetings; (4) Study courses in every church; (5) A family altar in every home; (6) An evangelistic organization in every church; (7) An organization to secure results.

Dr. Campbell resumed and included a discussion begun in the former session on the text, "And he went a little farther," Matt. 23:39. All have a feeling that we have to go—and have a purpose to go.

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little farther when we go back to our respective fields, said Dr. Campbell. An earnest entreaty was made that we do not let the ardor aroused here wane when we get back into an atmosphere that is not so conducive. One of two things will happen when we get back, Dr. Campbell declared. We will either be chilled by the atmosphere back there and we will settle down as before or we will warm that atmosphere and we will lift the folks up to the spiritual heights we have attained. Which will it be? was asked.

We can go a little farther (1) in prayer, (2) in personal work, and (3) in sacrificial service. The Mississippi College quartette rendered "Shall I Crucify My Lord Again," greatly to the delight of the conference. The Hillman College quartette sang in a former session which was also appreciated and enjoyed.

Dr. J. W. Provine announced that he was chairman of a Chinese Relief committee in the state and spoke briefly of the fearful suffering of the people in this war stricken land. The preachers were requested to present the matter to their churches and receive an offering.

On motion of Dr. Geo. P. White, which unanimously carried, the thanks of the conference are expressed to every one who has had part in the promotion and entertainment of the conference.

Dr. Scarborough brought the closing message of, what was acclaimed by every one, the great conference. His message was on the experience of Philip—a layman—who was an outstanding personal worker and soul winner. He used as a text: "And he went towards Gaza which was desert." We all have our deserts to cross but there are souls on the other side we can win because Jesus has promised to go with us.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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against the houses on the other side, and then runs down to right and left a long distance. Better not knock hard, or a policeman will come running and run you in. Someone was knocking, though. I wonder if he was banging that door, or just gently tapping it.

"Rhoda, run and see who it is," and the maiden went. She knew Peter, she had likely heard him preach many times, and now she recognized his voice. Forgetting her duty to let him in, she ran back to say, "Peter is outside at the door." "Girl, you are crazy!" "All right! You come and see. I guess I know him as well as you do." "Come on, and let's see who it is she thinks is Peter."

They opened the door and there Peter stood! They had not prayed for this! This was one of the impossible things. This could not be Peter. So they stood there amazed.

VI. Instruction. Acts 12:17, 18.

So he told them that the Lord had delivered him from the prison. The Lord had turned him out of jail. The Lord had proved more than a match for Herod, and had illustrated His ability to take care of His own.

Peter told his friends to tell James and the other brethren of the

jail delivery God had wrought, and that he was going away to another place. Which other place? I do not know. Maybe it was another place in the city, maybe some other city far away. It does seem that he would seek a haven beyond the authority of Herod, but not long after this Peter is back in the city (Acts 15: 7), and is speaking right out in the conference.

The whole incident emphasizes again the importance of prayer in the lives and in the work for Him of God's people. As certainly doomed to death as Peter was is every man whom Satan has bound and is holding in slavery. It will take more than mortal might to deliver the strongest of them from the power of the devil. Let us not forget that we can not do it, for all we may project revival meetings. Let us betake ourselves to earnest prayer that God may work through us His will in the lives of the lost this year.

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"THE COMMISSION"

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I have just received the March edition of The Commission, the official magazine of the Foreign Mission Board. I must follow the impulse that has come to me and that always comes when I look into the pages of this magazine, and urge upon my brethren everywhere to subscribe for it and to seek to lead others to do the same.

Where can one find so much good reading for so little—only 50 cents per year? From every standpoint this magazine is just what one would want in such a periodical, namely, up-to-date missionary information direct from the field, beautifully written stories of current missionary activities with real pictures to illustrate, brief editorials and leading articles by our great secretary, Dr. Maddry, and his associates on the editorial staff, important special news items and their significance given, Dr. Carver's telescopic vision of world events and incisive interpretations, and all done in such an attractive mechanical lay-out. Thirty-two papers, magazines and periodicals come to my desk regularly, but none is awaited with a greater eagerness than The Commission.

For the next few issues important findings of the recent meeting of the International Missionary Council in Madras will appear in this magazine, with Dr. Maddry's own account of the meeting. This alone will be worth many times the price of the paper. Subscribe now and come in on this unusual opportunity.

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EVANGELISM AROUND THE WORLD

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Sunday, March 26, is Missionary Day in the Sunday schools throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, in accordance with a time-honored custom and the Calendar of Denominational Activities, adopted by the convention. If all our churches will cooperate, the Day may be made exceedingly worth while.

A very helpful program and other necessary materials have been sent to every Sunday school superintendent in the Southern Baptist Convention with definite instructions as to how to capitalize this opportunity in behalf of Home and Foreign Missions. The offering to be taken will be divided, 32 per cent for Home Missions; 68 per cent for Foreign Missions.

The general theme of the program, which was prepared by Mrs. Clifton J. Allen, Nashville, Tenn., is, "Evangelism Around the World." This is in perfect accord with the general plan of all our Southern Baptist Convention agencies this year in laying special emphasis on evangelism. This matter of evangelism is at the very heart of our Home and Foreign Mission enterprises. Eliminate that, and there would be absolutely no reason for the existence of these two great Boards. A faithful and effective presentation of the program will do much to enlighten and enlist all our people in the main task to which our Savior has called us.

The program is printed in The Teacher and The Sunday School Builder for March; additional copies may be secured for ten cents a copy by writing to the Sunday School

Board, Nashville, Tenn. The special song, "Christ for the Whole Wide World," written specifically for this program by Mrs. Allen and B. B. McKinney, and offering envelopes may be had free by writing to Committee on Calendar of Denominational Activities, 161 8th Avenue, North Nashville, Tennessee.

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"How are you getting along at school, Henry?" asked the father.

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Other students given honorable mention, and missing an all A average by a small margin, were:

Misses Dorothy Arrington, Jean Barton, Nina Pearl Byrd, Helen Cameron, Dorris Cockerham, Hattie Ellzey, Hazel Fuller, Mrs. W. W. Grafton, Misses Della Rose Harris, Claudia Laverne Hill, Bessie Pearl Hurst, Gretchen Kennedy, Ethel McDonald, Mary Nell McDanniel, Lillie Ree Ponder, Janie Kathryn Sansing, Maxie Stonerod, Oliver Ruth Stribling, Mildred Ruth Ammon, Bonnie Denham, Elona Mendrop, Kathleen Stewart.

Misses Ophelia Busby, Valois Byrd, Martha Conner, Helen Dykes, Lizzie Eubanks, Mary Emma Fancher, Sarah Gant, Lena Pearl Jackson, Margaret Montgomery, Elizabeth Murphy, Verna Elizabeth Oden, Ruby Parker, Mary Ann Pavelle, Margaret Steele, Dora Stone, Louise Tate, Jimmie Lee Taylor, Esther Thompson, Patricia Welborn, Jane Williams, Mary Katherine Batson, Mae Elizabeth Brigrance, Nell Cleveland, Elline Horn, Erin Lewis.

The following girls and faculty members from Mississippi Woman's College attended Mardi Gras in New Orleans:

Misses Adele Mendellsohn, Chicago; Martha Jean McCormick, Pachuta; Lucille Montgomery, Durant; Jimmie Lee Taylor, Slidell, La.; Carolyn Griffith, Pass Christian; Mary Lee Land, Louin; Maxie Stonerod, Bellevue, Penna.; Helen Dykes, Bogalusa, La.; Myrtle Perkins, Moss Point; Mary Elizabeth Brigrance, Summerland; Linda Dallis, Louisville; Ruth Marie Simmons, Bay Springs; Jane Williams, Corinth; Mary Nell McDonnell, Summerland; Nancy Alexander, Milan, Tenn.; Catherine Holifield, Summerland; Pauline Cox, Clarksdale; Lucille Pearson, Laurel; Wilma Lee McDaniel, Osyka; Ruby Parker, Louisville; Ruth Webb, Jackson; Maryalice King, Eldorado, Kansas; Annie Lucy Ethridge, Bailey; Alice Mae Davie, Bailey; Elizabeth McDade, Sucarnoochee; Zola Avara, Bailey; Mary Ruth Eddins, Bay Springs; Elsie Sumrall, Laurel; Adele King, Summerland; Dorothy Strong, Vicksburg; Beatrice Strong, Vicksburg; Doris Wilson, Laurel; Gretchen Kennedy, Quitman; Ethlyn Sparkman, Eupora; Agnes Gant, Elliot; Sarah Gant, Elliot; Professor O. P. Eure, Hattiesburg; Mrs. D. C. Lee, Hattiesburg; Miss Ora Lee Wells, Atmore, Ala.

A little Scotch boy came running into the house very much out of breath. "Father," he said, "I ran all the way home behind a street-car to save a nickel."

"A nickel," growled the father, "why didn't you run behind a bus and save a dime?"

ATTENTION EVERYBODY

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

This is a beautiful resort town of nearly five thousand. There is here in nature everything to make the town desirable. Quaint Spanish moss draping towering giants of trees, moonlight on the water that surpasses any work of man's art, and in the words of one of the older residents; only man is evil here.

And it is about this that I want all Baptists in Mississippi to think. In Jackson the governor calls out all help necessary to close out the Gold Coast. Is he governor of Jackson or Mississippi? Just because the righteous people here are few in number should they have to be surrounded by enough bars to accommodate all New Orleans in summer, keno halls, night clubs in quantities, three or four slot machines in almost all places of business, the show opening two hours earlier on Sunday, carrying the best attraction of the week on Sunday?

The town is ninety per cent Catholic and the most of the others are so inter-married with them that their firmness to stand against wrong is weakened.

Our Baptist work is suffering from the most niggerly location in town. We are on a back street, all the paint gone from the building, in the corner of the town cemetery. When new people come to town and ask for the Baptist Church they are told that it is dead and buried in the town cemetery. Every Baptist in Mississippi should be eager to change this. We have a God fearing man for our pastor but he cannot speak a new location and building into being.

The Baptists of Mississippi and Louisiana transformed New Orleans by their financial help when the people of New Orleans could not have supported B. B. I. The people of Mississippi built a beautiful church at Clinton when the people of Clinton could not.

I am asking the Baptists of Mississippi to come to our rescue and send in your one dollar or your hundred dollars as you can. Help us to get God's house off the back street and put it where His name will be glorified and we will change this town into a God-fearing, God-serving town.

Send your money to Rev. W. S. Allen, Pass Christian, Miss. Thank you and pray for us too. Sincerely a Member.

CALVARY CHURCH

Our pastor, brother Linton, led us in the organization of a Senior B. Y. P. U. during November at Calvary Church. We received our quarterlies, had our first program on the second Sunday in January in the presence of a large audience but with few B. Y. P. U. members, however.

Up to date we have 45 of the most enthusiastic members enrolled. All our members are very enthusiastic, especially our officers. Brother Linton has suggested having a Junior B. Y. P. U., B. A. U. and also a Brotherhood.

Our B. Y. P. U. is surely moving

"TRANSLATION, TRANSFORMATION, TRANSFIGURATION"

I read with interest the article written by Rev. H. V. Andrews in the January 26th issue of the Baptist Record.

The article was headed "Translation, Transformation, Transfiguration." It was written briefly but to the point. He did not darken counsel with a multitude of words, as so many of our otherwise good writers do.

These three changes cover practically every important experience of every believer.

First, Translation: a change of position. Second, Transformation: a change of form. Third, Transfiguration: a change of appearance. The first is regeneration, the second is sanctification, and the third is glorification.

We get the first at spiritual birth: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:26). It is all of grace through faith alone in Christ, and

off under the leadership of our efficient president, Clifton Brady.

Our Sunday school is also doing a fine work under the wise and efficient leadership of the superintendent, Rev. S. W. Monk.—Donie Ekes, B. Y. P. U. Corresponding Secretary and Sunday School Secretary.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER--AN ENDURING INVESTMENT

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(1) Baptist Student Union Council.
(2) Students waiting for the mail.
(3) Baptist Training Union Presidents.

REMEMBER, the First of May.

Room reservations for next session should be in the college office by May 1.

it is instantaneous.

We get the second after we have been saved by grace; after we have been born again. It is not instantaneous, but is a gradual process, and we get it by presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. It is accomplished by the renewing of our mind day by day, and requires much prayer and the study of God's word.

We get the third, transfiguration at the appearing of the Lord, and it is also instantaneous. It comes in a moment in the twinkling of the eye at the last trump.

These doctrines are precious to my soul, because they magnify and glorify my Lord, in whom and by whom we have all these things.

It is written, I Cor. 1:30: "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption: That according as it is written, he that glorifieth, let him glory in the Lord." The article by brother Andrews is well written, and well worth reading and re-reading. Let us have more of them.—J. E. Heath, Winona, Miss.

Diner: "Waiter, I've been waiting a half-hour for that steak."

Waiter: "Yes, sir; I know you have. If everyone were as patient as you, life would be worth living!"—London Opinion.

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Who's Who

The honorary given by Oklahoma of Tulsa and A campaign endowment fund at Belton, Texas. Hardy who 25 years. Alread pledged.

Brother House full work of the church, Hamilton Sunday, March congregation. E degree from M plans to preach Seminary at Lo We appreciate t lard, Pastor.

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